A

COMPANION

FOR

The Persecuted:

OR,

An OFFICE for Those,

Who Suffer for

RIGHTEOUSNESS.

CONTAINING

Particular Prayers and Devotions, for Particular Graces, and for their Private or Publick Wants and Occasions.

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The Introduction.

Reader;

I Here preſent thee with Prayers and Devotions, fitted to ſupport the ſpirits, and to direct and improve the virtues, of thoſe who at any time, or in any place, are call'd out by the wiſdom and goodneſs of God, to ſuffer for the cauſe of Truth and Righteouſneſs.

The Charitable helps and offers of this kind, are very needful, and will be very acceptable, to thoſe who are actually labouring under the Croſs, and bearing affliction for the bleſſed *Jeſus*. And as for others, who think they have no need thereof for themſelves; yet may they at all times find occaſion enough, if they pleaſe, to put up ſuch Prayers for their perſecuted

Brethren and Fellow-Members. For the Church of Christ, is ſtill bearing his Croſs in one part or other; and whilſt in one place he is cheriſhing ſome with the comforts of Peace, he is elſewhere proving others of their Brethren with Tribulations. Nay, ſince theſe Tryals are common to men, and more eſpecially to Chriſtians, he who ſays at preſent that he is moſt free from them, knows not how ſoon the All-wiſe God may ſee fit to bring him under the ſame. And 'tis good to be fore-armed and provided for a ſharp conflict, which we are lyable to be tryed withal; and the rather, becauſe in the heat thereof, when theſe helps are moſt needed, they are uſually hardeſt to be got, and 'tis not ſo eaſie then to put them into the hands of thoſe, who want to be directed and aſſiſted by them.

Indeed, by the bounty and indulgence of Almighty God, the true Diſciples of Chriſt have here their intervals of reſt and quietneſs, and are oft-times comforted and refreſhed with worldly peace, and the favour

vour of Princes. But when God gives them this outward eaſe, it is more than his Goſpel promiſes. Their profeſſion, is to be followers of a man of ſorrows, and to look for Croſſes and Perſecutions in his ſervice; and, when they come, to take them up, and bear them patiently after him. So that it muſt neither be contrary to their ſpirit, nor expectations, to hear of ſufferings; & it ſhould never be thought a ſervice out of ſeaſon, to inſtruct them how to bear them, and to furniſh them with ſuch Prayers and proper Reflexions, as may afford them both direction, and ſupport therein.

The firſt care in this Caſe, is to ſee that their ſufferings be for the Truths ſake, or for a good Cauſe. Without this, the hopes of ſufferers are but a Dream, and there is no true ground of comfort or ſupport in them. If they ſuffer only for their own follies, or fancies, what reaſon has their bleſſed Lord to thank them, for being fanciful or fooliſh? Or, if they ſuffer for maintaining dangerous Errors, and for turning out of the way of Truth and Righteouſneſs,

theſe are not things for him to reward, but to puniſh. 'Tis only their ſuffering for ſome Doctrines, or Precepts of his, that can render them his Martyrs or Confeſſors: And when they take care to be found in that way, and ſuffer for hearkning unto him, he will ſupport them whilſt they ſuffer, and afterwards make them ample amends for the ſame.

But when they take care to be found in a Righteous Cauſe, they muſt be careful withal to honour him, and approve themſelves, by all the parts and virtues of a Righteous and truly Chriſtian Carriage. Their ſtudy then muſt be, to ſhew minds advanced above all earthly fears and deſires, to ſupport themſelves with the comforts of Religion, & the belief of Gods Promiſes, to bear their Afflictions for Chriſt's ſake with patience and thankfulneſs, to weary out their perſecutors fury with their Religious conſtancy, to vanquiſh all their injuries by returning prayers and kindneſſes; and in all things, to evidence a ſpirit, that is full of love, and holy zeal, and humble confidence in God; but that

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is not either to be corrupted by the eaſe and comforts, or ſhocked and broken by the threats or loſſes of this world. And by theſe and ſuch like virtues, they will be made conformable to the image of their ſuffering Saviour, and perform a ſervice moſt fragrant and pleaſing unto him, and moſt honourable to Truth & a Righteous Cauſe. For the world doth not afford a more glorious ſight, than to ſee a Chriſtian with Religious bravery & conſtancy bearing Chriſts Croſs, and by magnanimity and meekneſs, triumphing over all the powers of Error and unjuſt Violence.

Theſe, indeed, are hard ſervices. But as they have great difficulties, they will at laſt have glorious Rewards, and at preſent have great aſſiſtances. The Almighty Spirit of God will ſupport thoſe, who ſeriouſly and Religiouſly ſet themſelves to ſuffer Chriſtianly in his Cauſe: They will be ſet above themſelves, and will be guarded and fortified againſt human weakneſs, by the powers of the Divine Grace. And this, as they muſt humbly and firmly depend upon,

ſo muſt they conſtantly and earneſtly ſeek from him, by Prayers and Devotion.

In the following Offices, it has been my aim and ſtudy, to be as helpful to them as I can for this purpoſe. And therein, according as I was able, I have not only ſuggeſted the true comforts and ſupports; but directed their eye to the true ſpirit, duty, and carriage of Goſpel-ſufferers. And have taught them under the ſame, to expreſs ſuch reſentments, and aſpire after ſuch raiſed affections, as may become thoſe, who would honour God, and ſecure their own future happy reward by their ſufferings, and who count it a priviledge to be thought worthy by the Bleſſed *Jeſus* to ſuffer in his Cauſe. And on this Account, this little Book may be put into the hands of the Perſecuted, not only as a Form of Devotion, to be put up to God in holy and fervent Prayers; but likewiſe as a Treatiſe of Inſtruction, to be read for the Knowledge of their Duty, and as a Guide to their Practice; ſince therein they have a draught and delineation of that

that Spirit which they are to nurſe up and ſhew forth, and of thoſe habits and virtues wherein they are to dreſs up their ſouls at ſuch times.

I have been very particular in the Devotional proviſions and ſupplies for theſe purpoſes, and have had regard both to private and publick neceſſities. Which pains, I hope will be acceptable to devout minds, who, when they are deſirous to expreſs their devotion on thoſe particulars, will not be unfurniſhed with fitting Forms, and may at any time uſe more, or fewer thereof, as their leiſure permits, or as their needs require.

And to the Body of Prayers and Devotions, I have prefixed a Collection of ſelect Scriptures, upon the ſeveral Duties, and moſt important needs and deſires, of ſufferers for Righteouſneſs. And this I have done, for the ſufferers guidance and inſtruction, as well as for their devotion. For, beſides the kindling and quickning of devout affections, and the ſtrengthening and ſupporting of their ſpirits amidſt their Heavy Tryals, when they uſe them as ſacred Hymns,

or as matter of their Religious Meditations: These Texts will teach them the necessity, and help to shew them the Nature and Offices of all those respective Duties, which are as **the salt to the sacrifice*, without which their own Oblation of themselves would be insipid, and their Losses for *Christ*'s sake would neither gain his favour and acceptance, nor effectually recommend and do Honour to his Cause. And both the Scriptures collected, and the Prayers composed for these ends, are as follows.

* Lev. 2. 13. Mar. 9. 49.

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An OFFICE *for Sufferers for Righteouſneſs under Perſecutions.*

Scriptures for thoſe who ſuffer for Righteouſneſs.

Pſal. 94. & *Pſ.* 125. *Heb.* 12. to *v.* 18. 2 *Cor.* 1. to *v.* 13. } { *Pſ.* 12. & *Pſ.* 14. *Iſ.* 51. *Heb.* 10. *v.* 23. to end.

I.

For Receiving Perſecutions, as Chaſtiſements for former Offences.

When we ſuffer ſtriving againſt ſin, we are chaſten'd and corrected of the Lord, Heb. 12. 4, 5. 6. 9.

The time is come, that judgment muſt

must begin at the House of God, 1 Pet. 4. 17.

I will bear the indignation of the Lord, because I have sinned against him, until he plead my Cause, and execute judgement for me, Mich. 7. 9.

O Israel! *Return unto the Lord thy God, for thou hast fallen by thine iniquity*, Hos. 14. 1.

Remember your ways, and all your doings, wherein ye have been defiled, and loath your selves in your own sight for all your evils that ye have committed, Ezek. 20. 43.

Remember from whence thou art fallen, and repent and do thy first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy Candlestick out of his place, unless thou repent, Rev. 2. 5.

If the Fig-tree continues barren, the Lord will say to the Dresser of his Vineyard, cut it down, Luk. 13. 6, 7. *with-*

Without Repentance, *the Kingdom of God ſhall be taken from you, and given to a Nation bringing forth the fruits thereof*, Matthew 21. 43.

II.

For Receiving Perſecutions, as Tryals of our Obedience, and as they bring upon us Loſſes for Righteouſneſs.

1. To be received with Contentedneſs, and with Thankfulneſs.

If the world hate you, you know that it hated me, before it hated you.

Remember the word that I ſaid unto you, the Servant is not greater than the Lord. If they have perſecuted me, they will alſo perſecute you.

If you were of the world, the

world would love his own: but because you are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore doth the world hate you, Joh. 15. 18, 19, 20.

If any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorifie God on that behalf.

If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye; for the Spirit of Glory, and of God, resteth upon you.

Rejoyce, in as much as ye are partakers of Christs sufferings; that when his Glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy, 1 Pet. 4. 13, 14, 16.

Rejoyce, and be exceeding glad, and leap for joy, for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the Prophets which were before you, Matth. 5. 11. 12. Luke, 6. 23.

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2. With free Confeſſion of Chriſt and his Truths.

If ye ſuffer for Righteouſneſs ſake, ſanctifie the Lord God in your hearts.

And be not afraid of their terror, neither be troubled; and be ready always to give an anſwer to every man, that asketh you a reaſon of the hope that is in you, with meekneſs and reverence, 1 Pet. 3. 14. 15.

Whoſoever ſhall confeſs me before men, him will I alſo confeſs before my Father which is in Heaven.

But whoſoever ſhall deny me before men, him will I alſo deny, before my Father which is in Heaven, Mat. 10. 32, 33.

For with the heart man believeth unto Righteouſneſs; and with the mouth Confeſſion is made unto Salvation, Rom. 10. 10.

3. With Integrity and Prudent Caution.

And let them that ſuffer according to the will of God, commit the keeping of their ſouls unto him in well-doing, as into the hands of a faithful Creator, 1 Pet. 4. 19.

Hold up my goings in thy paths, that my foot-ſteps ſlip not, Pſal. 17. 15.

Tho' all this is come upon us, yet have we not forgotten thee, neither have we dealt falſly in thy Covenant.

Our heart is not turned back, neither have our ſteps declined out of thy way.

Tho' thou haſt ſore broken us in the place of dragons, and covered us with the ſhadow of death, Pſal. 44. 17, 18, 19.

Stand, having your loyns girt about with Truth, and having on the

the breaſt-plate of Right eouſneſs, and your feet ſhod with the preparation of the Goſpel of peace, Eph. 6. 14. 15.

Walk in wiſdom towards thoſe that are without, redeeming the time.

Let your ſpeech be always with grace, ſeaſoned with ſalt, that ye may know how ye ought to anſwer every man, Col. 4. 5, 6.

See that ye walk circumſpectly, not as fools, but as wiſe.

Redeeming the time, becauſe the days are evil, Eph. 5. 15, 16.

Beware of men, for they will deliver you up to the Councils.

And ye ſhall be brought before Governours, and Kings for my ſake.

Behold! I ſend you forth as ſheep in the midſt of wolves; be ye therefore wiſe as ſerpents, and harmleſs as doves, Mat. 10. 16, 17, 18.

4. With Steadfastness and Constancy.

Finally my Brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might, Eph. 6. 10.

Stand fast in one spirit, with one mind, striving together for the faith of the Gospel; and in nothing terrified by your Adversaries, Phil. 1. 27. 28.

Contend earnestly for the faith, which was once delivered to the Saints, Jud. 3.

Put on the whole Armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the Devil.

That ye may be able to stand in the evil day, and having done all to stand, Eph. 6. 11. 13.

Let us hold fast the profession of our Faith, without wavering, (for he is faithful who hath promised.)

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Not forſaking the aſſembling of our ſelves together, as the manner of ſome is; but exhorting one another, and ſo much the more, as ye ſee the day approaching, Heb. 10. 23. 25.

And now, Lord! behold their threatnings; and grant unto thy ſervants, that with all boldneſs they may ſpeak thy word, Act. 4. 29.

5. With Faith.

1.

Wherefore take unto you the whole Armour of God.

Above all, taking the ſhield of faith, wherewith ye ſhall able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked, Eph. 6. 13. 16.

Caſt not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompence of reward, Heb. 10. 35. 38.

Look unto Jeſus, who for the joy that was ſet before him, endured the Croſs, deſpiſing the ſhame, and

is set down at the Right Hand of the Throne of God, Heb. 12. 2.

It is a faithful saying, if we suffer with him, we shall also reign with him, 2 Tim. 2. 11, 12.

Our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding, and eternal weight of Glory.

While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen, are temporal; but the things which are not seen, are eternal, 2 Cor. 4. 17, 18.

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And fear not them which kill the body. For not a sparrow shall fall on the ground, without your Father.

Fear ye not therefore, ye are of more value than many sparrows.

But the very hairs of your head

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are all numbred, Mat. 10. 28, 29, 30, 31.

When ye do well, and ſuffer for it, hereunto were ye called, 1 Pet. 2. 20, 21.

It falls to none to be *conformed to the image of his Son in ſufferings*, but *to them, who are called thereto, according to his purpoſe*, Rom. 9. 28, 29.

Whilſt God continues *his hedge about them, Satan cannot touch them*, Job. 1. 10.

When he brings them under *heavineſs, thro' manifold temptations*, 'tis only *for a ſeaſon*, and *if need be*, 1 Pet. 1. 6.

When he permits their Perſecutors, to give them ſome trouble, the *remainder of wrath ſhall he reſtrain*, Pſal. 76. 10.

God is faithful, who will not ſuffer you to be tempted above what you are able; but will with the temptation alſo make a way to eſcape,

cape, that ye may be able to bear it, 1 Cor. 10. 13.

He is a *very preſent help in trouble,* Pſal. 46. 1.

From him we ſhall *obtain mercy, and find grace to help, in the* * *moſt fitting ſeaſon,* Heb. 4. 16.

My Grace is ſufficient for thee, my ſtrength is made perfect in weakneſs, 2 Cor. 12. 9.

And ſince what they ſuffer, is only *according to the will of God, let them that ſuffer, commit the keeping of their ſouls to him in well-doing, as unto a faithful Creator,* 1 Pet. 4. 19.

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6. With Truſt in God.

The fear of man bringeth a ſnare; but who ſo puteth his Truſt in the Lord, ſhall be ſafe, Prov. 29. 25.

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whoſe mind is ſtayed on thee, becauſe he truſteth in thee, Iſ. 26. 3.

Bleſſed is the man, that truſteth

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in the Lord, and whoſe hope the Lord is, Jer. 17. 7.

For he is a refuge for the oppreſſed, a refuge in times of trouble, Pſal. 9. 9.

He maketh wars to ceaſe unto the end of the earth, he breaketh the bow, and cutteth the ſpear in ſunder, he burneth the chariot in the fire, Pſal. 46. 9.

Some truſt in chariots, ſome in horſes; but we will remember the name of the Lord our God.

We will rejoyce in thy ſalvation, and in the name of our God will we ſet up our banners, Pſal. 20. 5, 7.

It is better to truſt in the Lord, than to put confidence in man.

It is better to truſt in the Lord, than to put confidence in Princes, Pſal. 118. 8, 9.

Our Fathers truſted in thee, and thou didſt deliver them, Pſ. 22. 4.

Thou Lord haſt not forſaken them that ſeek thee, Pſal. 9. 10.

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He ſhall deliver them from the wicked, and ſave them, becauſe they truſt in him, Pſal. 37. 40.

He will ariſe and have mercy upon Sion, *when the time to favour her, yea, the ſet-time is come,* Pſ. 102. 13.

I the Lord will haſten it in its time, Iſ. 60. 22.

But if you will not believe, ſurely you ſhall not be eſtabliſhed, Iſa. 7. 9.

And *he that believeth ſhall not make haſt,* Iſa. 28. 16.

7. Againſt Truſting more in other things, than in God, and fixing too much on Earthly Dependances.

There is no King ſaved, by the multitude of an hoſt; a mighty man is not delivered by much ſtrength.

An horſe is a vain thing for ſafety; neither ſhall he deliver any by his great ſtrength, Pſ. 33. 16, 17.

Truly

Truly in vain is ſalvation hoped for from the hills, and from the multitude of mountains; truly in the Lord our God is the ſalvation of Iſrael, Jer. 3. 23.

Surely men of low degree are vanity, and men of high degree are a lye: to be laid in the ballance, they are altogether lighter than vanity, Pſ. 62. 9.

Ceaſe from man, whoſe breath is in his noſtrils, for wherein is he to be accounted of? Iſ. 2. 22.

Put not your truſt in Princes, nor in the ſon of man, in whom there is no help.

His breath goeth forth, he returneth to his earth; in that very day all his thoughts periſh, Pſal. 146. 3. 4.

Curſed be the man, who truſteth in man, ſaith the Lord, and maketh fleſh his arm, and whoſe heart departeth from the Lord.

For he ſhall be like the heath in

the desart, and shall not see when good cometh, but shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, in a salt land, and not inhabited, Jer. 17. 5, 6.

But blessed is the man, that maketh the Lord his trust, and respecteth not the proud, nor such as turn aside to lyes, Psal. 40. 4.

Trust not in oppression, and become not vain in robbery, Psal. 62. 10.

Trust in the Lord with all thine heart, and lean not to thine own understanding, Prov. 3. 5.

For there is no wisdom, nor understanding, nor council against the Lord, Prov. 21. 30.

Who is among you that feareth the Lord, that obeyeth the voice of his servant, that walketh in darkness and hath no light? let him trust in the name of the Lord, and stay upon his God.

Behold all ye that kindle a fire, that

that compaſs your ſelves about with ſparks: walk in the light of your fire, and in the ſparks that ye have kindled. This ſhall ye have of my hand, you ſhall lye down in ſorrow, Iſa. 50. 10, 11.

8. With Patience.

Endure hardſhip, as a good ſouldier of Jeſus Chriſt, 2 Tim. 2. 3.

If thou faint in the day of adverſity, thy ſtrength is ſmall, Prov. 24. 10.

Wait on the Lord, and he ſhall ſave thee, Prov. 20. 22.

He that believeth will not make haſt, Iſa. 28. 16.

It is a good thing, that a man ſhould both hope, and quietly wait for the ſalvation of the Lord, Lam. 3. 26.

Ye have need of patience, that after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promiſe.

1 Pet. 5. 10. *For yet a little while, and he that ſhall come will come, and will not tarry,* Heb. 10. 36, 37.

The rod of the wicked ſhall not reſt upon the lot of the righteous, leſt the righteous put forth their hands unto iniquity, Pſ. 125. 3.

Behold! the Husband-man waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and the latter rain.

Be ye alſo patient, ſtabliſh your hearts, for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh.

Take, my Brethren, the Prophets for an example, of ſuffering affliction, and of patience.

Behold! We count them happy which endure. You have heard of the patience of Job, *and have ſeen the end of the Lord, that the Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy,* Jam. 5. 7, 8, 10, 11.

In your patience poſſeſs ye your ſouls, Luk. 21. 19.

For whoſoever will ſave his life, ſhall loſe it; and whoſoever will loſe his life for my ſake, ſhall find it, Mat. 16. 25.

Let us not be weary in well-doing, for in due time we ſhall reap if we faint not, Gal. 6. 9.

Conſider him, that endured ſuch contradiction of ſinners, leſt ye be weary, and faint in your minds, Heb. 12. 2.

He ſhall not fail nor be diſcouraged, till he have ſet judgment in the earth, Iſa. 42. 4.

Becauſe iniquity of perſecutors *ſhall abound, the love of many ſhall wax cold.*

But he that ſhall endure unto the end, the ſame ſhall be ſaved, Mat. 24. 12, 13.

Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a Crown of Life, Rev. 2. 10.

Here is the patience, and faith of the Saints, Rev. 13. 10.

9. With Prayer and unwearied Devotion.

Be patient in tribulation, continuing inſtant in prayer, Rom. 12. 12.

Take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may able to ſtand in the evil day.

Praying always, with all prayer and ſupplication in the ſpirit, and watching thereunto with all perſeverance, and ſupplication for all Saints, Eph. 6. 13. 18.

Is any among you afflicted? let him pray, Jam. 5. 13.

For my love they are my adverſaries; but I will give my ſelf unto prayer, Pſal. 109. 4.

Let us hold faſt the profeſſion of our faith, without wavering.

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our ſelves together, as the manner of ſome is; but exhorting one another: and ſo much the more, as you ſee the day approaching, Heb. 10. 23, 25.

10. With Charity towards Perſecutors.

1.

When ye ſuffer for well-doing, take it patiently; for this is acceptable with God, 1 Pet. 2. 20.

And be ready to give an anſwer to every man that ſeeth you ſuffer, and *asketh a reaſon of the hope that is in you, with meekneſs and reverence,* 1 Pet. 3. 18.

Bleſs thoſe that curſe you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them that deſpitefully uſe you and perſecute you.

That you may be the children of your Father which is in Heaven,

who doth good to the just and unjust, Mat. 5. 44, 45.

Moreover, *Hereunto are ye called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example that we should follow his steps.*

Who when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatned not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously, 1 Pet. 2. 21, 23.

He was oppressed, and brought as a Lamb to the slaughter, yet he opened not his mouth, Isa. 53. 7.

When *they Crucified him, then said* Jesus, *Father forgive them, for they know not what they do*, Luk. 23. 34.

They *stoned* Stephen, *and he kneeled down, and cryed with a loud voice, Lord! lay not this sin to their charge*, Act. 7. 59. 60.

Being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we suffer it; being defamed, we intreat or intercede for

our defamers, 1 Cor. 4. 12, 13.

2.

Let not thy heart envy ſinners, but be thou in the fear of the Lord all the day long.

For ſurely there is an end, and thy expectation ſhall not be cut off, Prov. 23. 17, 18.

Fret not thy ſelf becauſe of evil men, neither be thou envious againſt the wicked.

For there ſhall be no reward to the evil man, the candle of the wicked ſhall be put out, Prov. 24. 19, 20.

Rejoyce not when thine enemy falleth, and let not thy heart be glad when he ſtumbleth.

Leſt the Lord ſee it, and it diſpleaſe him, and he turn away his wrath from him to thee, Prov. 24. 17, 18.

Charity ſuffereth long, charity vaunteth

vaunteth not it ſelf, is not puffed up.

Doth not behave it ſelf unſeemly, ſeeketh not her own, is not eaſily provoked, thinketh or imputeth no evil.

Rejoyceth not in iniquity, beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.

And though I give my body to be burned, and have not this charity, it profiteth me nothing, 1 Cor. 13. 3, 4, 5, 6, 7.

Bleſs them which perſecute you; bleſs, and curſe not.

Recompence to no man evil for evil.

Avenge not your ſelves, but give place unto wrath; for it is written, Vengeance is mine, I will repay, ſaith the Lord.

Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him, if he thirſt, give him drink.

Be not overcome of evil, but over-

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come evil with good, Rom. 12. 14, 17, 19, 20, 21.

11. With Charity towards the Persecuted.

1.

I will weep bitterly, labour not to comfort me, because of the spoyling of the Daughter of my People, Isa. 22. 4.

O! that my head were waters, and mine eyes a fountain of tears, that I might weep day and night, for the slain of the Daughter of my People, Jer. 9. 1.

Wo unto them that are at ease in Sion; *that lye upon beds of Ivory.*

That chaunt to the sound of the Viol, that drink Wine in Bowls, and anoint themselves with the chief Ointments; but they are not grieved for the affliction of Joseph, *Am.* 6. 1, 3, 4, 5, 6.

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Whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honoured, all the members rejoyce with it, 1 Cor. 12. 26.

Rejoyce with them that do rejoyce, and weep with them that weep, Rom. 12. 15.

2.

Remember them that are in bonds, as bound with them; and them which suffer adversity, as being your selves also in the body, Heb. 13. 3.

Be not thou ashamed of the Testimony of the Lord, nor of me his Prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the Gospel, according to the power of God.

The Lord give mercy unto the house of Onesiphorus, *for he oft refreshed me, and was not ashamed of my Chain.*

But when he was in Rome, *he sought me out very diligently, and found me,* 2 Tim. 1. 8, 16, 17.

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Ye endured a great fight of afflictions, partly whilſt ye were made a gazing-ſtock, both by reproaches and afflictions; and partly whilſt ye became Companions of them that were ſo uſed.

For ye had compaſſion of me in my bonds, & took joyfully the ſpoyling of your goods, knowing in your ſelves, that ye have in Heaven a better, and an enduring ſubſtance, Heb. 10. 32, 33, 34.

Beloved, thou doeſt faithfully, whatſoever thou doeſt to the brethren, and to ſtrangers, which have born witneſs of thy Charity before the Church: whom, if thou bring forward on their journey after a godly ſort, thou ſhalt do well.

Becauſe that for his Name ſake they went forth.

We therefore ought to receive ſuch, that we might be fellow-helpers to the truth, 3 Jo. 5, 6, 7, 8.

He that receiveth a Prophet in

the Name of a Prophet, ſhall receive a Prophets reward; and he that receiveth a Righteous Man, in the Name of a Righteous Man, ſhall receive a Righteous Mans reward.

And whoſoever ſhall give to drink unto one of theſe little ones, a cup of cold water only in the Name of a Diſciple, verily I ſay unto you, he ſhall in no wiſe loſe his reward, Mat. 10. 41, 42.

I was an hungred, and ye gave me no meat; thirſty, and ye gave me no drink;

A ſtranger, and ye took me not in; naked, and ye cloathed me not; ſick and in priſon, and ye viſited me not.

In as much as ye did it not, unto the leaſt of theſe, ye did it not to me, Mat. 25. 42, 43, 45.

12. With Motives and Encouragements to ſuffer.

Whoſoever will be a friend of the

the World, is the enemy of God, Jam. 4. 4.

If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him, 1 Joh. 2. 15.

Ye cannot serve both God and Mammon, Mat. 6. 24.

And what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? Mat. 16. 26.

Fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul; but rather fear him, which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell, Mat. 10. 28.

As the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also aboundeth by Christ, who comforteth us in all our Tribulation, 2 Cor. 1. 4, 5.

It is a faithful saying, if we suffer we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny

us, 2 Timothy 2. 11, 12.

Whether we be afflicted, or whether we be comforted, it is for your conſolation and ſalvation; which is effectual in the enduring of the ſame ſufferings, which we alſo ſuffer.

And our hope of you is alſo ſtedfaſt, knowing, that, as you are partakers of the ſufferings, ſo ſhall ye be alſo of the conſolation, 2 Cor. 1. 6. 7.

I would ye ſhould underſtand, that the things which happened unto me, have faln out rather unto the furtherance of the Goſpel.

And many of the Brethren of the Lord waxing confident by my bonds, are much more bold to ſpeak the word without fear, Phil. 1. 12. 14.

I ſuffer trouble as an evil-doer, even unto bonds, but the word of God is not bound.

Therefore I endure all things for the Elects ſakes, that they may alſo obtain the ſalvation which is in Chriſt

Chriſt Jeſus, with Eternal Glory, 2 Tim. 2. 9. 10.

13. For Deliverance from Perſecutions.

O! Let the wickedneſs of the wicked come to an end, but eſtabliſh thou the juſt, Pſ. 7. 9.

Return, O Lord, how long? and let it repent thee concerning thy ſervants.

O! Satisfie us early with thy mercy, that we may rejoyce and be glad all our days.

Make us glad according to the days wherein thou haſt afflicted us, and the years wherein we have ſeen evil.

Let thy Work appear unto thy Servants, and thy Glory unto their Children, Pſ. 90. 13, 14, 15, 16.

Help us then, O God of our ſalvation, for the Glory of thy Name, Pſ. 79. 9.

Arise, and plead thine own Cause; Remember that the Enemies have blasphemed thy Name, and how the foolish Man reproacheth thee dayly.

Forget not the voice of thine Enemies; the Tumult of those that rise up against thee, increaseth continually, Ps. 74. 18, 22, 23.

Wherefore should the Heathen say, Where is their God? Ps. 79. 10.

Wherefore doth the wicked contemn God? He hath said in his heart, thou God wilt not require it, Ps. 10. 13.

Grant not the desires of the wicked, O Lord, further not his wicked device, lest they exalt themselves, Ps. 140. 8.

Put them in fear, O Lord, that they may know themselves to be but men, Ps. 9. 20.

Fill their faces with shame, that they may seek thy Name, Psal. 83. 16.

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14. For Truſt in God, to be preſerved under the ſame, and delivered from them.

The Wicked watcheth the Righteous, and ſeeketh to ſlay him.

But the Lord will not leave him in his hand, nor condemn him when he is judged.

Though he fall, he ſhall not be utterly caſt down, for the Lord upholdeth him with his hand.

They ſhall not be aſhamed in the evil time, Pſ. 37. 19, 24, 32, 33.

Thou ſhalt hide them in the ſecret of thy preſence, from the pride of man; thou ſhalt keep them ſecretly in a Pavilion, from the ſtrife of tongues, Pſ. 31. 20.

Shall the throne of iniquity have fellowſhip with thee, which frameth miſchief by a Law?

They gather themſelves together againſt the ſoul of the Righteous, and condemn the innocent blood.

But the Lord is my defence, and

my God is the rock of my refuge.

And he shall bring upon them their own iniquity, and shall cut them off in their own wickedness; yea, the Lord our God shall cut them off, Ps. 96. 20, 21, 22, 23.

For yet a little while, and the wicked shall not be; yea, thou shalt diligently consider his place, and it shall not be, Ps. 37. 10.

But the needy shall not always be forgotten; the expectation of the poor shall not perish for ever, Ps. 9. 10.

For thou wilt save the afflicted people; but wilt bring down high looks, Ps. 18. 27.

So that a man shall say, verily there is a reward for the Righteous, verily he is a God that judgeth the earth, Ps. 58. 11.

15. An Hymn of Thanksgiving for deliverance from Persecutions.

Oh! How great is thy goodness, which

which thou haſt layd up for them that fear thee; which thou haſt wrought for them that truſt in thee, before the ſons of men, Pſ. 31. 19.

For thou, Lord, haſt heard the deſire of the humble; thou wilt prepare their heart, thou wilt cauſe thine ear to hear:

To judge the Fatherleſs and the Oppreſſed, that the man of the earth may no more oppreſs, Pſ. 10. 17, 18.

Light is ſown for the Righteous, and gladneſs for the upright in heart, Pſ. 97. 11.

Bleſſed are they that mourn, for they ſhall be comforted, Mat. 5. 4.

They that ſow in tears, ſhall reap in joy.

He that goeth forth, and weepeth, bearing pecious ſeed, ſhall doubtleſs come again with rejoycing, bringing his ſheaves with him.

The Lord hath turned our Captivity, he hath done great things for

for us, whereof we are glad, Pſ. 126. 3, 4, 5, 6.

Many ſhall ſee it, and fear, and ſhall truſt in the Lord, Pſ. 40. 3.

The Righteous ſhall be glad in the Lord, and ſhall truſt in him, and all the upright in heart ſhall glory, Pſ. 64. 10.

Zion *heard, and was glad, and the Daughters of* Judah *rejoyced, becauſe of thy judgments, O! Lord,* Pſ. 97. 8.

O love the Lord, all ye his Saints, for the Lord preſerveth the faithful, and plentifully rewardeth the proud doer.

Be of good Courage, and he ſhall ſtrengthen your heart, all ye that truſt in the Lord, Pſ. 31. 23, 24.

Rejoyce in the Lord, O ye Righteous, and give thanks at the remembrance of his holineſs, Pſ. 97. 12.

Sing unto the Lord, bleſs his Name, be telling of his ſalvation from Day to Day, Pſal. 96. 2.

And

who ſuffer for Righteouſneſs.

And my tongue ſhall ſpeak of thy Righteouſneſs, and of thy Praiſe all the day long.

I will give thee thanks in the great Congregation; I will praiſe thee among much People, Pſal. 35. 18, 28.

PRAYERS for Thoſe who ſuffer for Righteouſneſs.

I.

A Penitential Prayer under Perſecutions, as they are Chaſtiſements for our former Offences.

1.

O Almighty Lord! Who art wont to ſhew both thy Power and Mercy in correcting Sinners, when the cry of ſins grows great, and nothing but Affliction will make them wiſe; juſtly art thou moved now at length, to viſit thy People in this Land with Perſecutions, after we had firſt turned a deaf ear to all the Calls of thy Mercy, and had long abuſed the bleſſings of peace. There is need, O God, of our ſufferings, to keep up a Reverence for thy Juſtice, and to reclaim us from our iniquities; and this fiery Tryal comes to purge us from our droſs, and to chaſtize us for our paſt Offences; as well as to prove our preſent Obedience and Conſtancy to thy Holy Laws.

Our Peace, O! Holy Father, had made us loose and contentious; and our Plenty, had served chiefly to maintain Pride & Luxury. And the worldly Endowments about Religion, had stoln our Affections away from it; and instead of continuing thankful & true to thee, our hearts grew covetous and ambitious after them, and preferr'd and took up with them for their Portion.

We are, O! Lord, a stubborn, and a stiff-necked People, still lifting up our selves against thee, and against thy Vice-gerents. We are given to Hypocrisie, and take delight in Lyes. Oppression and Rapine are to be found in our dwellings; and Drunkenness and Adultery, have grown common and fashionable Wickednesses, & have set up without shame in our streets. Thy pure Worship and Service, had been grievously and shamefully neglected, or carelesly and indevoutly attended, before it was given up to be persecuted amongst us. And thine Holy Things have been defiled; thy Ministers have been despised and evil intreated; and thy Sacred and Dread-

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ful Name has been commonly & horribly prophaned, by raſh and falſe Oaths, and by the moſt preſumptuous & terrible Imprecations. **Our Works*, O! Great and Righteous God, *have been Works of Iniquity*; and when thou haſt called us, we have not hearkened unto thee; when thou haſt ſmitten us, we have not repented, but have **dealt proudly, and hardned our necks againſt thy Word.* *Is. 59 6. * Neh. 9. 29.

To us therefore, O! Lord, belongeth ſhame, and ſorrow, and confuſion of face; and thou art Righteous in all that thou haſt brought upon us. Our ſufferings are far below our deſerts, and we muſt needs juſtifie thee, and condemn our ſelves.

But **to thee, O! God, belongeth mercy and forgiveneſs, though we have rebelled againſt thee.* And we return unto thee with true contrition and hearty repentance for all our Iniquities, that thou mayeſt have Mercy upon us. Oh! for the ſake of thy Dear Son's moſt pretious Blood, pardon all our ſins, and purifie our ſouls. Perfect our repentance, and bring us home intirely to thy ſelf, and pre- * Dan. 9. 9.

vent all our back-slidings. Help our slow and sloathful souls, to be quick and vigorous; and our drowsy spirits, to be watchful in the ways of Righteousness. Help thou us, Good Lord, for we are not able to help our selves, and thou alone art our help. And when our sufferings have by thy help and Grace reduced us to our duty, we shall then, O! Holy Father, thankfully receive any Losses for Righteousness sake, and look on all the violent attempts of the Enemy, as so many instances and messengers of thy Mercy, through our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

2. *Out of the Office of Commination.*

O! most Mighty God, and Merciful Father, who hast Compassion upon all Men, and hatest nothing that thou hast made, who wouldest not the death of a sinner, but that he should rather turn from his sin, and be saved; mercifully forgive us our Trespasses; receive, & comfort us, who are grieved and wearyed with the Burden of our sins. Thy Property, is always to have

have Mercy; to thee alone it appertaineth to forgive sins. Spare us therefore, good Lord, spare thy People whom thou hast redeemed; enter not into judgment with thy servants, who are vile earth, and miserable sinners. But so turn thine Anger from us, who meekly acknowledge our vileness, and truly repent us of our faults; and so make haste to help us in this world, that we may ever live with thee in the world to come, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

2. *Prayers under Persecutions, as they are Tryals of our Obedience, and bring upon us Losses for Righteousness.*

I.

A General Prayer, for Mercies & Qualifications needful in Suffering-times.

O Blessed Jesus! Who now callest us out to bear thy Cross, and to suffer Afflictions for thy sake, who sufferedst a most ignominious Death for ours: bring none of us to suffer, till thou hast first prepared us for it; nor

let us suffer more, or longer, than thou wilt enable us willingly, and thankfully to endure.

Let not any among us, O! Lord, come to suffer for our own follies, nor be afraid to suffer for thy Righteousness. And give us all Grace to live according to thy Precepts, that we may all have Courage and Comfort in suffering for them. Let us not take liberty to transgress some duties of our Holy Religion, whilst we suffer for others; nor ever hope to recommend our selves, or our sufferings, to thy merciful acceptance, without studying to be intire in our godly care, and having an eye to all thy Laws.

And when our Afflictions press most upon us, let the Graces and Comforts of thy Holy Spirit abound most in us. Whatever else we lose thereby, let us not lose Truth, and a good Conscience. Preserve us steadfast in the belief of thy Heavenly and Oppressed Truths, & undaunted in the Profession of them. Grant us patience to bear thy Cross, and not grow faint or weary; and meekness to bear our Persecutors, and not grow angry and bitter of spirit;

rit; and Charity to forgive their Wrongs, and to overcome their evil with good. Strengthen our Faith, of thy Heavenly Joys, to recompence all theſe earthly ſufferings; and of thy never-failing Help and Grace, to aſſiſt and ſupport us under them, and to deliver us from the ſame in thy due time. Let the greatneſs of our diſtreſſes, drive us to be more conſtant and earneſt in our Prayers. And as faſt as Afflictions come from our Perſecutors, let ſuccours and ſupports ſtill come from thee. O! Let us always have thy ſtrength to bear us up, and find thee an help at hand in our greateſt needs; and then our patience and godly ſteadfaſtneſs ſhall triumph over all the malice of our Perſecutors.

And ſuffer us not, O! Father of Mercies, to be daſhed to pieces in this ſtorm, & ſwallowed up in theſe waves. But in thy tenderneſs to our infirmities, after we have ſuffered a while, ſend us eaſe. Shorten the days of theſe ſufferings, and haſten thy coming for our Deliverance; and bring us at length to everlaſting reſt and peace in thy Heavenly Kingdom, through

JESUS CHRIST our Lord. *Amen.*

2. *A Prayer out of the* Litany.

O! God Merciful Father, that despisest not the sighing of a contrite heart, nor the desire of such as be sorrowful: Mercifully assist our Prayers which we make before thee, in all our troubles and adversities, whensoever they oppress us; and graciously hear us, that those evils, which the craft and subtilty of the devil, or man worketh against us, be brought to nought; and by the providence of thy goodness, they may be dispersed, that we thy servants, being hurt by no persecutions, may ever more give thanks unto thee, in thy Holy Church, thro' Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Particular Prayers.

1. *For Integrity, and not seeking to any evil ways for Help.*

OH! Almighty Lord, thou hast reserved us for days, when

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* *he that will depart from evil, is like to make himſelf a Prey.* But grant me Grace, to eſteem no Loſs, comparable to that of Innocency and of a good Conſcience; nor to harbour any fear, like to that of thy diſpleaſure, and of the intolerable and eternal pangs of Hell-fire. * Iſ. 59. 15.

Theſe Prayers, that are made in the Singular Number, for ones own ſelf; may be turned into Common Collects for others as well as our ſelves, by a light Change of We *for* I, Us *for* Me, Our *for* My *or* Mine, *&c. as often as theſe Words occur therein.*

Let thy Laws, O! my God, direct all my ſteps, in my greateſt dangers. Keep me more ſtudious in all my Counſels, of what is lawful for me, than of what ſeems ſafe and ſerviceable in my neceſſity: And never ſuffer me to ſtoop to any ſin, in hopes thereby to put by fleſhly trouble, or to ſerve any worldly turn.

In thy Providence, O! Father of Mercies, lyes all my ſafety and protection. And Oh! that I may ever commit my ſelf to that protecting Providence, by keeping cloſe to thy Commandments. Oh! that I may never in any caſe forſake them, but always look

look upon that as the ready way to have thee forſake me. Whatever ſtreights or dangers encompaſs me, the ways of my duty, O! Lord, are the ſureſt ways of thy mercy, and of my own ſafety. And Oh! that I may find them to be ways of preſervation and deliverance at preſent, and of everlaſting peace and joy in the end, through our Bleſſed Lord and Saviour Jeſus Chriſt. *Amen.*

II. *For Conſtancy in Perſecuted Duties.*

1. *Againſt being turned aſide by Worldly Dangers or Loſſes.*

O! Almighty and Everlaſting God, Keep me conſtant to thy Truths and Precepts, amidſt all theſe violent Perſecutions, which are ready to come upon me for the ſame. Oh! that I may * *ſtand faſt* in thy ways, and *be nothing terrified by the Adverſaries* thereof. That I may † *ſtand faſt in the evil day, and contend earneſtly for the Faith.* Let me not ‖ *grow weary of well-doing*, or of godly ſuffering, nor *wax faint* in a good Cauſe. Enable

* Phil. 1. 27, 28.
† Eph. 6. 13. & Jude 3.
‖ Gal. 6. 9. & Heb. 12. 13.

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me to ſtand to my duty, at all hazards, and to be ready, if the will of God be ſo, to witneſs it unto Bonds; yea, or even to ſeal it with my blood, and to dye for thee, as thou, Bleſſed Saviour, haſt done for me.

Let not the fear of men, make me forſake thee; nor let my love of this World, make me throw up my bleſſed hopes of a better. Nor give me up, for the ſake of any Loſſes or Terrors, to fall from my duty, or to * *deny thee before men*, that *thou* mayſt not finally *deny me before the Angels which are in Heaven.* * Matth. 10. 33.

Oh! that I may never leave thee, Oh! Holy Jeſu, becauſe thou art a Man of Sorrows. But give me Grace, with *Moſes*, * always to prefer the Afflictions of the godly when they are perſecuted, before the Joys of the wicked; and to chooſe to be among thoſe, who ſuffer for Righteouſneſs, rather than among thoſe, who ſeem beſt to thrive and proſper in the ways of violence. Oh! that I may not grudge to take up the Croſs, when that is in my way to win the Crown; nor to endure a ſhort tribulation for the *Heb. 11. 24, 25, 26.

the Kingdom of Heaven, which thou art ready to give to all that faithfully ſerve and ſuffer for thee, thro' our Lord Jeſus Chriſt. *Amen.*

II. *Againſt being ſhaken in mind, or ſcandalized.*

1. *By the Defection of others, or by Variety of Opinions.*

O Almighty and moſt Merciful God! keep me from being any ways unſettled, or ſhaken in mind, about the way of thy Truth, and of thy Righteouſneſs. Oh! that thy Judgments may not make us harbour any ſuſpition, of the Truth of our Holy Faith; but make us ſee, that they all come upon us, to try how far we can ſuffer for it; or to puniſh us, becauſe we have not been true to it. They are ſent, O! Righteous Lord, to puniſh the Looſneſs and Wickedneſs of our Lives, amidſt the Orthodoxy and Holineſs of our Profeſſions.

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2. Or, *By a Reverence of any Mens Perſons.*

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*Gal.i.8. *Heaven*, should come and *preach against the same*, let me not believe him. * *Let*
*Rom.3.4. *God be true*, though they be held *Lyars*. And let these Monitors be ever firmly thought to speak right, though the most admired Persons gainsay it, and both act and speak wrong.

Make me know, O! God, that thy plain Word, and the known and received Dictates of Natural Honesty and Conscience, are always true and faithful; but that every man, even the best of men, are lyable to fail. Let me ever bear in mind, that good men may alter and lose their goodness; but that evil and unrighteous things, do not alter, nor can ever lose their unrighteousness.

teouſneſs. So that whenſoever a good man falls, to do a manifeſtly evil, and unrighteous thing; his doing it, can onely make us think the worſe of his Perſon, but is not in any wiſe to make us think better of the unrighteous Action.

Teach me, O! Lord, that it is thy Law, and not their Example, which is to be my Rule. That I am thy ſervant, not theirs; and am to hearken unto thee, not unto them; and *to* ‖ *call no man Maſter upon earth*, in oppoſition to thee my great Maſter, who art in Heaven. Oh! therefore let thy Truths, O! my God, and not other mens practice, be my Guide; and let thy approbation and acceptance, not their applauſe, be my recompence, thro' the Merits of our Bleſſed Lord and Saviour Jeſus Chriſt. *Amen.* ‖Mat. 23. 9, 10.

3. *A Prayer for Faith.*

O! Almighty and moſt Merciful Father, who both ſeeſt, & ſendeſt all theſe ſufferings, which are come upon us from the Adverſaries of thy Truth; give me Grace, to live by Faith in thee,

and not by fear of them; and in all my Actions under the ſame, to order my ſelf as one who regardeth what thou promiſeſt, and not what they threaten.

Though I converſe in the midſt of them, and they are full of rage; yet keep me ever mindful, O! Lord, that their Malice cannot hurt me, more than *Satans* Inſtruments could touch *Job, till* **thou giveſt them leave.* Whatſoever they deviſe againſt me, it will come to nothing, till thy time, and * *my hour is come.* So that however they threaten, I know I am ſecure, till thou calleſt me out to ſuffering. And ſince I ſhall ſuffer nothing from them, but at thy time, and under thy direction; in the midſt of all this fear and danger, I reſt my Soul, O! my God, upon thy care, and cheerfully reſign my ſelf to thy protection and good pleaſure.

* Job 1. 10, 11, 12.

* Joh. 7. 10.

And if it ſeem good to thee to ſend ſome ſufferings, thou, O! Merciful Father, wilt graciouſly ſuit my Tryals to mine Infirmities. Thou wilt order me no more, than by thy Grace, * *I ſhall be able to bear*; and † *the remainder of wrath wilt thou reſtrain.* If thou tryeſt me, it will ‖ *be only for*

* 1 Cor. 10. 13.

†Pſal. 76. 10.

‖ 1 Pet. 1. 6.

a ſeaſon. Thy Grace will take off their Violence, before it has driven me beyond mine Innocence; * *nor wilt thou ſuffer the Rod of the wicked to reſt upon the back of the Righteous,* till they are wearied out thereby, *to put forth their hand unto Iniquity.* * Pſal. 125. 3.

And when thou haſt brought me into my troubles, make me believe aſſuedly, O! my God, that thou wilt not leave me there. Tho' I am in no wiſe ſufficient for them of my ſelf, * *thy Grace ſhall be ſufficient for me*; for *thy ſtrength is made perfect in our weakneſs.* Still as I need thee, O! Father, thou wilt be with me. Thou wilt ſtrengthen me by thy ſuccours, when my Burdens grow too heavy for me. Thou who ſendeſt me *tribulations*, wilt ſend me *comfort* in them; and * *make my conſolations abound by Chriſt, as my ſufferings abound for him.* And make all the ſorrows which I endure, to work for thy greater Glory, and my greater good, in thy due time. * 2 Cor. 12. 9. * 2 Cor. 1. 4.

And Oh! that in the mean while, I may look ſteadfaſtly from the Croſs to the Crown, and be firm in the belief and expectation, that they who

*2 Tim. 2. 11, 12. † Heb. 12. 2. *2 Cor. 4. 17, 18.

patiently * *suffer for Christ*, shall be sure *to reign with him.* † *Set the joy before me, that* for its sake, I may willingly *endure the Cross, and despise the shame.* And hold my eyes fast on * *the exceeding weight of Glory*, which shall Recompence our present Ignominy; and on the things eternal, wherewith thou wilt repair our Loss of *Temporal*, for our Lord Jesus Christs sake. *Amen.*

4. *A Prayer for Trust in God.*

O! Almighty and most Merciful Father, whilst I walk here in the midst of fear and danger, I humbly and cheerfully trust my self to thy care. I place my safety, in an humble confidence in thee; and come to meet these difficulties, and prepare to bear them, not in any vain presumption of my own strength, which alas! at best is but weakness; no, nor of any earthly supports; but onely in the Name and Power of the Lord my God.

Lord! I trust to thee, who art able to save me, and hast promised to help me. I trust to thee, who lovest to be trusted, and hast always been true to me,

me, and * *never failest those that trust in thee.* I look for all my succours, and deliverances, from thy Grace; and am not * *hasty* to fix times to thy Providence, or to set bounds to my own patience; but am contented, yea thankful, to receive them in thine own way, and at thine own time, even at *thy* * *set-time* of sending them. Oh! help me therefore, O! my God, for thy Faithfulnes, and thy Mercies sake, and let me not be disappointed of my hope, for our Blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christs sake. *Amen.*

* Psal. 9. 10.
* Is. 28. 16.
* Ps. 102. 13.

5. *Against trusting more in other things than in God, and fixing too much on Earthly Dependances.*

GRant, O! Gracious Lord, that under all our tryals & troubles, we may be duely sensible of the vanity and inconstancy of all earthly supports. Oh! that we may never **depart from thee*, to trust in them. Nor give over our patient looking up to thee, and thy wise Providence, whose Ways and Methods are far above out of our reach; to presume on our own.

* Jer. 17. 5.

vain fancies and bold surmises, and
* Prov. 3. 5. * lean to our own understandings. Lord,
† Hos. 12. 1. give us not up to † feed on wind, which serves not to preserve us, but only to puff us up. Nor to turn aside from regarding thy sure Promises, to support our selves, & delude one another with lyes & vain confidences; and to warm
* Is. 50. 11. our selves at imaginary * Fires, and walk in the Light of those Sparks, which are not of thine, but onely of our own kindling.

Let us not rest our hearts, O! God,
*Jer. 17. 5 and place our confidence, in any * Arm of Flesh; for there is no trust in them.
*Ps. 62. 9. For * surely men are vanity; yea, to be layd in the ballance with thee, they are altogether lighter than vanity. We
*Jer. 17. 9 cannot * know all that is in their hearts; and they dayly, and suddenly, change their minds and purposes; or their power fails, and they cannot bring their devices to pass. For where they are the most fixt on things, and seem
* Prov. 19. 21. best prepared for them; 'tis not * their device, O! Lord, but thy purpose which shall stand, & in a moment thou breakest all their measures. And in a little
*Ps. 146. 4. time, * they turn to their dust, and

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in that very day all their thoughts perish. They are no staff of support, O! God, but * *a staff of reed* to lean upon, and will *break*, and *run into our hands and pierce them*, when we lay our weight upon them.

* Ezek. 29. 6. Is. 36. 6.

Teach us then, O! Father, in looking upon them, not to look off from thee; and to consider them, even the best of them, only as means of thy Care and good Providence, which can preserve and deliver us without them by a thousand other ways, tho' there is not any of them that can profit us without thee. And make us all to look upon thee, as the Lord from whom cometh our help, and in whose sole Grace and Mercy we repose our intire and chiefest Trust, through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

6. *Prayers for Patience.*

1. *In easie and unwearied endurance.*

O! Almighty & most gracious God, who suitest thy Gifts to our Necessities; in these suffering-times, give me a suffering spirit, and enable me to

* 2 Tim. 2. 3. to * *bear hardſhip as a good Souldier of Jeſus Chriſt.*

Endue me with ſuch patience under the ſame, as no heavineſs, or length of my Tryals ſhall overcome. Let me not be driven by any cruel and unjuſt uſage for thy ſake, to accuſe thy Providence, or to revile my Perſecutors. Let me not ſhew uneaſineſs under my ſufferings, but willingly and contentedly bear them; yea, rejoyce in the ſame, and thankfully praiſe thee,

* Act. 5. 41. * *that thou counteſt me worthy to ſuffer for thy Name.* Keep me from growing weary of bearing thy Croſs, or from fainting under it. Tho' thou tarryeſt, enable me to wait for thee. Oh! that I may perſevere in waiting, and hold on to the end, and never let go my patience, when my Perſecutors have left me nothing elſe, or caſt away my confidence in thee.

Oh! that I may inwardly triumph in the Righteouſneſs of my Cauſe, when I am trodden down by the violence of the Oppreſſors. That I may be comforted to think, that I have ſtill the more of thy Love, as I bear the more of their Malice. Oh! that I may

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be * *joyful in hope*, as well as *patient in tribulation*; and count it an extraordinary favour to me, that I have been called out to lose any thing for thee, to testifie my love unto thy Laws, and to dispose me for thy Gracious Acceptance, through the Merits and Mediation of my dearest Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.* * Rom. 12. 12.

2. *In not envying the success of the wicked, in compassing unrighteous Devices.*

O! Lord, who for wiseends, art oft-times pleased to permit a Righteous Cause to be worsted, and the devisers of unrighteousness to prevail against it: Suffer us * *not to fret*, or torment our selves, when we see such *wicked men prosperous*, and triumph for bringing their unrighteous devices to pass. Let not that tempt us, O! God, * to *envy sinners*, much less to think favourably; yea, or even doubtfully of their wicked Violence. Never give us up to measure the Justice or Injustice of Undertakings, by success; and to miscall apparently wicked things, naming *Evil Good*, and Wrong Right, only * Pro. 24. 19. 20. * Pro. 23. 17.

only becauſe we ſee it proſperous. Let us not fall to take part with the Injury, only becauſe of its ſeeming proſperity; or to think that God has forſaken what is right, becauſe he permits it to be oppreſſed for a while; or, when we ſee it once down, to deſpair of his ever raiſing it up again.

Thy Judgments, O! moſt Mighty Lord, *are unſearchable, and a great deep:* teach us with all humility to reverence them, not by bold expoſitions, eſpecially in favour of apparently unrighteous things, to abuſe the ſame. They ſurprize us with doing right, when all outward hopes and appearances thereof are gone. Help us therefore, when things are at the worſt, ſtill to have hope and faith in thee, to raiſe them up again. They open a way, and make a light of deliverance to break forth, at thine own time. Give us patience in expectation, till that time come. The Unrighteous, as *Pharas* was, are more in the way of thy mercy, when thou keepeſt thy plagues upon them, to ſoften their hearts, than when thou takeſt them off. Oh! let us not envy them for that eaſe, which hardens

dens ſinners, and is their greateſt unhappineſs. They are kept up with ſucceſſes, for full tryal of thy ſervants patience; and, if they will not repent thereof, *to* * *fill up the meaſure of their own wickedneſs*. Let us therefore learn therein, Gracious Lord, to adore thy forbearance, and to imitate the ſame, not to repine at it: And to finiſh the work of our own patience, that * *patience may have its perfect work* in us.

* Matth. 23. 32. Gen. 15. 16.

*Ja. 1. 4.

And however it paſſes here on earth, O! God, yet we are aſſured that at the Great Day, the Judge of all the World will do exact Juſtice. The wicked ſhall then be eternally puniſhed, for all their proſperous wickedneſs: And the Juſt ſhall be everlaſtingly recompenſed, for all the ſufferings which they have endured, and for all the loſſes which they have ſuſtained, in adhering to the ways of Righteouſneſs. Oh! therefore, bleſſed Lord! that we may ever deteſt all wickedneſs, & carefully keep off from it, even when here we ſee it moſt proſperous. And ſteadfaſtly reverence the ways of Duty and Righteouſneſs, and

ſtick to them, even when we ſee them labouring under the Croſs, and born down with cruel Oppreſſions. Oh! that we may ſee, and believe aſſuredly, that although we do not live to ſee the proſperity of the ungodly turned into puniſhments, and the ſufferings of thy Saints, exchanged for Crowns and Glories, in this world; yet we ſhall certainly ſee the ſame fulfilled in both to the uttermoſt, in another world. Where, Lord, grant that I may have my Place of Eaſe, whatever Troubles I meet with here, for my Dear Saviour Jeſus Chriſt's ſake. *Amen.*

7. For Prayers, and unwearyed Devotion under Perſecutions.

O! Holy Father, give me Grace to look up to thee in all my diſtreſſes, and to make holy & fervent Prayers, both my moſt bounden ſervice, and my moſt ſure ſupport, under all theſe Perſecutions. Oh! that the growth of my ſufferings, may continually heighten and increaſe my Devotions. That I may be * *inſtant in Prayers*, and

*Rom. 12. 12

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* *watch thereunto with all perſeverance.* And the more ſtraitneſs and ſcarcity I find at any time, of publick opportunities; make me ſo much the more diligent and conſtant, earneſt and affectionate, in my private devotions. * Eph. 6. 18.

Let not the Malice of mine Oppreſſors, be able to eſtrange my ſoul from thee, or make me weary of converſing with the Almighty. Let devotion be the life and ſtay of my Spirit, and let me never forget, that my chief remedies againſt their Violence, are Prayers and Tears. When they drive me from all confidence in my ſelf, teach me to run for ſanctuary, and to ſeek help from thee. Even from thee, O! my God, who with a Fathers pity and tenderneſs, beholdeſt what we ſuffer for thy ſake, and wilt ſupport us under the ſame; who ſeeſt our wrongs, and wilt do us right in thy due time. And * *who bottleſt up all our Tears*, and wilt remember them with ſurpaſſing and eternal Mercies in the day of Recompences, for our Dear Lord and Saviour Jeſus Chriſt's ſake. *Amen.* * Pſ. 56. 8.

8. *A Prayer for diligent Attendance on Publick Aſſemblies.*

AND, O! Gracious Lord, in theſe Tryals, give me Grace diligently to attend upon the Publick Miniſtrations, and to make one in offering up thy pure Worſhip, in the Communion and Aſſemblies of the Saints.

Make me fully ſenſible, that when they moſt violently oppreſs us, we have moſt need to fly to thee with joynt accord, to help and defend us. And that when they ſeek moſt to extirpate thy pure Worſhip, it lyes upon us to meet together, to pay the ſame and bear it up. Oh! that their Cruelty againſt it, may enkindle in us a godly Zeal for it. That we may *Heb. 10. 23, 25. * *hold on our Profeſſion without wavering*; and reſolutely ſtick to thine *Holy Aſſemblies*, without which we can not pretend to ſtand up for thy Cauſe.

And Oh! that no difficulties, or hazardouſneſs of theſe Aſſemblies, may make us indifferent about thy ſervice:

service; and that none among us may lay hold thereof, as an excuse for Irreligion, or prophane Negligence. Make us all see, that we can have no excuse in rejecting Prayers and publick Ministrations, more than in rejecting other Duties, only because they are persecuted, and have the Cross upon them. Yea, Lord, let nothing seem so terrible to me, as being debarred the opportunities of waiting upon thee. Nor any Loss seem so hard to be endured, as losing this way of access to God, and the devotion of my Spirit.

Whilst I am serving thee, make me confident, O! my God, that thou wilt protect me. My safety at all times, lyes in the care and guardianship of thy good Providence. And I can never have more reason to expect that careful Providence, than when I am taken up in thine immediate service. But if suffering shall happen to meet me there, let me comfort my self to think, that it finds me at a good work, and can not come to me when I am better employ'd. And whatever I lose in this case, make me sensible,

O! Lord, that it is not loſt, but moſt wiſely and well layd out; and that I can not part with my Worldly Subſtance for a better Cauſe, or to my greater Advantange. Oh! that I may **rejoyce in* ſuch *ſpoyling of my Goods*, as what is a ** laying up Treaſures for my ſelf in Heaven.* And be glad to have my poor periſhing ſubſtance thus lent to thee, to be repayd with an Eternal Inheritance in thy Kingdom, through the Merits of my Bleſſed Saviour and Redeemer, Jeſus Chriſt. *Amen.*

*Heb. 10. 34.
*Mat. 6. 20.

9. *Prayers for Godly Prudence and Caution, in Days of Peril and Perſecution.*

1. *For Prudence.*

BUt though I am ready to come and ſuffer for thee, when thou calleſt me to it; let me not run upon it, O! Gracious God, before thy Call. Suffer me not to expoſe my ſelf to their Violence, needleſly: Nor to bring it upon my own Head, for things that are no part of thy ſervice. Nay, nor even for doing good things unſeaſonably;

ſonably; or with ſuch Unneceſſary Provocations, or improvident Carriage and indiſcreet Circumſtances, as are fit to fetch down troubles, when I might have been ſafe in doing the ſame, with due foreſight and godly caution.

Oh! that Converſing, as I do, in the midſt of dangers, I may learn to * *beware of men.* That knowing * *the days are evil,* and that trouble is haſting on apace of it ſelf, I may not † throw away my quiet before I need, but *redeem the time.* Grant me the skill and care, O! Merciful Lord, to be provident in all things, and * *walk circumſpectly.* To * *walk in wiſdom towards thoſe that are without,* that they may find nothing for which to lay hold of me, but my Love and Zeal to thee, and a wiſe and faithful diſcharge of my duty; which, though they perſecute, thou, O! my God, wilt graciouſly accept, for my Dear Lord Jeſus Chriſt's ſake. *Amen.*

*Mat. 10. 16. † Eph. 5. 16.

* Eph. 5. 15.

*Col. 4. 5.

2. *For Integrity therewith.*

*Mat. 10. 18. BUt together with **the wisdom of the Serpent*, give me Grace, O! Holy Father, in all my tryals to shew forth *the innocency and sincerity of the Dove*. Let all my wisdom and waryness, be shewn in doing of my Duty, but never in letting it fall. And in doing it faithfully, without maim or disobedient reserves; diligently, without remissness; and resolutely and undauntedly, when thou callest me forth to shew boldness. Let it never carry me, to secure my self, by neglecting thee, or thy service; or by acting against the rules of Truth and Righteousness, or against the Honour and Interest of thy Cause. Under all my sufferings, O! Lord, help me constantly & strictly to attend to the ways of Religion, that I may suffer with innocence; and not to the worldly ways of Parties, which abound too much with wickedness. And let me never forget, that there is as much need, of a good and righteous Carriage, under sufferings for Christ; as

as of a good and righteous Cauſe, for the ſame.

But in ſerving thee faithfully, O! Gracious God, let me not ſhew raſhneſs, nor give the Enemies of thy Truth Advantage againſt me, by any culpableneſs or unadviſedneſs of my own Carriage. Whatever I ſuffer, let it not be as the Fruit and Chaſtizement of my own folly, and precipitancy. But grant, that in that day, I may have the comfort & ſupport to think, that 'tis all come upon me, for my duty towards thee, and for an acceptable and well guided Zeal for thy Glory, which, however it is ſpitefully treated by them at preſent, will be graciouſly received, and remembred by thee at laſt for mine unſpeakable and Eternal Comfort, through the Merits of my onely Saviour, Jeſus Chriſt. *Amen.*

10. *A Prayer for Patience and Charity towards our Perſecutors.*

O! Bleſſed Lord, whilſt we are ſuffering at their hands for thy Cauſe, fill us with Patience, and Charity

rity towards our Perſecutors. Keep us always mindful, that there is as much need, of a meek and forgiving Carriage, as of a Righteous Cauſe, in thoſe that ſuffer for thee. And that thou ſendeſt Perſecutions, for a Tryal of our Patience and Charity towards our Oppreſſors; as well as for a Tryal of our Conſtancy, to thy Truth and Righteouſneſs.

Let us not fail, O! God, of a gracious Acceptance with thee, by our impatience and wrathfulneſs againſt them. Yea, and let not the way of Truth and Righteouſneſs miſcarry in our hands, through the ſcandal of our angry Paſſions. Let us not prejudice any againſt the goodneſs of our Cauſe, by the bitterneſs and implacableneſs of our ſpirits; nor tempt good minds, to be haſty in concluding that we want Truth, becauſe they ſee we can not be eaſie in ſuffering for it, and want Charity.

In all our Tryals, O! Bleſſed Jeſus, let us ſteadfaſtly conſider, how meekly and charitably, thou didſt endure thine. And learn of thee, * *to ſuffer without threatning*, and not only to bear

* 1 Pet. 2. 23.

bear our Enemies, but * *to love them.* To beat back their Violence, by unwearyed Patience; and to overcome their inclinations, of heaping Injuries on our heads, by our dayly heaping Forgiveneſs and Kindneſſes on theirs. And, inſtead of being angry at thoſe, by whom we ſuffer; let it pleaſe us, O! God, that we are counted worthy to ſuffer for thy Name, and enable us to rejoyce at our Loſſes in this World, in hopes of the Bleſſed Recompence thereof in thy Heavenly Kingdom, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.* * Mat. 5. 44.

Particular Prayers for Patience towards them.

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HOwever Cruel or Unjaſt their uſage be, give us Grace, O! Almighty Father, to bear it patiently. Let us not ſeem fretful and uneaſie at our Worldly Loſſes, as if we payd thee this ſervice with ill will, and were more affected with thoſe things, which they have taken from us, than with the

the Bleſſed Hopes of a better and a more enduring ſubſtance. Let us ſuffer meekly, without wrath; and quietly without noiſe: And neither diſturb our own ſpirits, by diſcontent and impatience; nor our Perſecutors, by bitter Reproaches & Accuſations; nor our Neighbours, by wearisome Complaints.

In the midſt of all their Troubles, give us inward compoſedneſs; and
*Luk.21. 19. * *Patience to poſſeſs our ſouls*, and have reſt in our ſelves. And keep our hearts at reſt, O! God, on thy Promiſes,
* Tit. 2. 13. by * *looking to the* ſure and *bleſſed hope* that is ſet before us: not on the uncertainty of any worldly ſupports, or proſpects of this Life, which, like the Reeds of *Egypt*, are lyable to break when we lean upon them, and to run into our hands.

And let this patient endurance of all their unreaſonable and unjuſt Vio-
*Jam.1.4 lence, * *have its perfect Work* in us. Let us not be wearyed out of it, or give way at laſt to angry reſentments; but ſhew forth this calmneſs & ſweetneſs of ſpirit, to the end. Oh! let not our Patience be broke by their injuries,

injuries, but hold out, till at laſt it has broke them, and made them relent and grow weary of inflicting the ſame; and till thou ſhalt have graciouſly turn'd our troubles from them, into everlaſting Reſt and Peace with thee, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

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AND whilſt thou art pleaſed to try us with theſe ſufferings, O! Bleſſed Lord, grant that we may never take a priviledge for Lawleſs Wrath, on pretence of being angry for thy Cauſe. Oh! keep us ſenſible under their ſharpeſt provocations, that * *the wrath of man* is much apter to *tranſgreſs* the Rules of Piety and *Righteouſneſs*, than to maintain them. Make us mindful that it belongs to thee to puniſh wrongs done to thy Holy Religion; that thou art moſt intereſted in the ſame, and moſt concerned to chaſtiſe the Enemies thereof, and wilt do it in thy due time. And that when ungodly men perſecute the ways of Holineſs, our part

* Jam. 1. 20.

is constantly to profess and practice them, to plead when we are called, and patiently to suffer for the same; but thine, to punish for them.

And, Lord, let us not be more hasty for wrath and vengeance, than thou art, in thine own Cause. Let not us lose Patience towards them, whilst thou beareſt with them; but study, and pray for their Conversion, and willingly, and joyfully help on the same, that they may be saved at last, through the Merits and Mediation of thy dear Son, our only Saviour, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Particular Prayers for Charity toward Persecuters.

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HElp us, O! Father of Mercies, not only to bear our Persecutors Patiently, but to treat them Charitably. Enable us to love our Enemies, whilst we suffer by them; to forgive their wrongs, whilst we smart under them; and not to aggravate their evil usage, but, as thou * didst

* Luk. 23. 34.

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O! bleſſed Jeſu, whilſt thou boreſt the extremity of their Malice upon the Croſs, rather ſtudy how we may any ways leſſen or excuſe the ſame. Oh! that we may approve our ſelves thy true followers, by * *ſuffering without Threatning*; by † *praying for them, whilſt they are perſecuting us*; by *returning bleſſing for their curſing*, kindneſs for their cruelties, and * *by overcoming their evil with good.*

* 1 Pet. 2. 23.
† Mat. 5. 44.
* Ro. 12. 21.

But let none of us pleaſe our ſelves, O God! with thoughts or hopes of Vengeance; nor * *rejoyce at their fall, leſt it diſpleaſe thee, and thou turn away thy wrath from their Heads*, and direct it upon *our own*. Let us * *not render evil for evil, or railing for railing* to any man, nor meet their malice with bitter Paſſions and angry Returns. Keep us ever fully ſenſible, O! Lord, that under the greateſt cruelty of their uſage, to ſhew Patience and Charity is our buſineſs; but that the taking Vengeance, muſt be left to thy Juſtice. And enable us mildly to commit our Cauſe to thee, and deſire that thou wouldeſt end our ſorrows, not by their deſtruction, but converſion,

* Prov. 24. 17, 18.
* 1 Pet. 3. 9.

thro' our only Lord and Saviour Jeſus Chriſt. *Amen.*

2.

LOrd, let not us fall to hate them, becauſe they cruelly deſpite us; nor to take up with any falſe Accuſations againſt them; or, when they ſtand truly chargeable with any ſmaller matters, to ſtrain upon them ſo far, till we have raiſed them into great and ſhameful Offences, by our own evil ſurmiſes. Let not us ‡ *vaunt our ſelves*, becauſe they unreaſonably depreſs us; nor *behave our ſelves* in any kind *unſeemly* towards them, tho' they ſhould caſt off all regard of humanity and decency towards us. Nor ever ſo far forget thee, as to *rejoyce in any Iniquity*, when it is like to prejudice their Cauſe, or to ſerve ours. But to *rejoyce* always *in the* Proſperity of thy *Truth*, and in ſeeing great Temptations turned aſide, and general Falls prevented, and in having good and right things take place.

† 1 Cor. 13 4, 5, 6.

* 1 Cor. 13. 3, 4, 7

If they * *provoke* us, O! God, enable us to ſhew *patience*. If they perſiſt

ſiſt therein, help us to *ſuffer long*. Let us *bear all things* without wrath, and *endure all things* without wearineſs, and not forget to be *kind* towards them; to *believe all things* favourably, and to ſpeak all things charitably, whilſt they are doing all things contrary towards us. And to look upon all theſe, as parts of that *Charity, without which all our ſufferings for thee are nothing worth.*

Oh! Let * *the Heavenly Wiſdom,* which keeps us *pure* from their errors and corruptions, keep us alſo *peaceable*, without burſting into noiſe and quarrels; and *gentle*, without yielding to anger and bitter words: and *placable* and *eaſie* in admitting excuſes, without any ſhew of rigor in exacting Reaſons, or of being ſtudious of Revenge. Let it keep us *full of mercy and good fruits*, without any miſchievous returns, or any proneneſs to cruelty and inhumanity, when 'tis in our way to ſhew the ſame. And *without Partiality and Hypocriſie*, as perſons uniform in all Acts of Vertue and Juſtice, when they ſerve others as well as when they ſerve us; and

* Jam 3. 17.

who are careful not to put on any Vertue for a pretence, nor to decry things as Evil in others, whilſt we can allow of the ſame in our ſelves. Teach us, O! Gracious Lord, that it is only by theſe Bleſſed Fruits, that our Belief and Eſpouſal of a right Cauſe, muſt approve it ſelf to be *the wiſdom that cometh from above*, and which, as it prceeds from thee, muſt gain us all acceptance with thee, thro' the Merits of our dear Lord and Saviour Jeſus Chriſt. *Amen.*

3 *A Prayer againſt evil Surmiſes, and for Candor in Cenſuring thoſe, who either Perſecute us, or fall from the way of Righteouſneſs.*

O! Gracious God, in Cenſuring the Perſons or Actions of all thoſe, who either perſecute us, or in theſe days of Tryal are faln from thee, let Equity & Candor direct and govern all our Thoughts and Speeches, and let not ill will byaſs us. Oh! that we may never charge them with imaginary Guilts, through our own evil Surmiſes; nor haſtily make ſure of any

any things againſt them, whilſt they are really uncertain; nor make the worſt of doubtful things, which good-will might eaſily think better of. Yea, where their Falls are plain and manifeſt, grant us Grace, O Lord, to behold them, as thou didſt the wickedneſs of thy Perſecutors, with the bowels and compaſſion of a Friend, and not with the malicious inſults and triumphs of an Enemy. And to judge of them, with a ſenſe of humane infirmities, conſidering, that we alſo are lyable to be tempted our ſelves, and to fall by temptations, and therefore ought to * *mete out the ſame meaſure* to them, in judging of their Actions, which we deſire that others would *mete out to us again*, when they come to cenſure ours. Yea, O! Holy FATHER, cauſe us always to have before our eyes thy Clemency, as well as our own Neceſſity; and keep us ready to afford thoſe allowances and abatements in their caſe, which we all need and deſire at thine hands, and through thy mercy hope to find from thee, in our own.

* Mat. 7. 1, 2.

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Let us not be rigorously hard upon them, for common Offences, which are ordinarily incident to frail and sinful Natures, Nor for such Falls in great Tryals, as may move pity upon the account of humane weakness, as well as deserve blame for their own ungodliness. Let us not shew severity in accusing them violently, and condemning them without any mixture of mercy, for having been over-born by fear, or for having complyed too far for sustenance, or safety; for having err'd under some great astonishment, and where they had little time for deliberation, and little help for Counsel and Advice; or for falling any other ways, in very difficult and perplexed circumstances.

Suffer us not to favour any wickedness in them, O! Righteous God, and much less to justifie it. But when we are about to tax and condemn the Crimes, to the end that we may shew a just Zeal for thee and for thy Righteousness: Let us remember withal, to consider the greatness and difficulties of their Tryals; and thereupon to pity their frailty, and to imitate thy

thy mercy, which thou art graciouſly pleaſed to ſhew, both to them, upon their Falls, and likewiſe to us upon any Falls of ours whereby we dayly ſtand in need thereof, for our moſt dear Lord and Saviour Jeſus Chriſt's ſake. *Amen.*

11. *A Prayer for Grace to turn the ſame, from carrying on impatience and anger againſt others, to carry on amendment of our ſelves.*

LOrd! under all theſe ſorrows and ſharp ſufferings, teach us to look for the cauſe thereof within our ſelves. Our own Sins, O! Righteous Father, are moſt juſtly, though ſeverely, puniſhed in them; and our earthly affections and dependances, need to be purged off by them. And therefore, inſtead of envying and accuſing others, and taxing the injuſtice of our Perſecutors; make us look up with reverence to thy Juſtice, and lay to heart our many private and publick Miſcarriages, and learn thereby to condemn and amend the errours of our own ways.

Grant,

Grant, O! God, that the experience of our own fears and failures under our Tryals, may keep us humble and jealous over our selves, and charitable towards the Falls of others. And let our dayly proofs, of thy seasonable succours and preservations, teach us to have firm Faith in thee, and to rely intirely on thy care and gracious promises. Let the difficulties which we feel in sustaining Losses for thy sake, shew us the worldliness of our desires. Let the inclinations which we find at any time, to ease or secure our selves by sin, or to allow in our selves what we condemn in others; convince us of the deceitfulness of our own hearts, and of the hypocrisie of our pretences. Shew us all the roots of bitterness, which are ready to discover themselves when we are tryed; and when we see them, give us Grace to cast them out, and to purge our Hearts of the same.

Thus, O! Holy Father, if we cannot amend our Confusions, make them, we humbly intreat thee, thorowly to amend us. And teach us by the needful and profitable Discipline thereof, both

both to walk more perfectly in thy fear; and to bear them with patience, remembring that therein we are reaping the just fruits of our own ways; and to shew Charity towards our Persecutors, as considering how we have done amiss our selves, and how by such Mercy and Forgiveness towards others, we are all to expect Mercy and Forgiveness of our own Offences at thine hands, through our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

12. *A Prayer for Charity to the Persecuted.*

O! Righteous Lord, who tryest thy People with heavy sufferings for thy Truth and Righteousness sake; give me the heart constantly to own thy ways, and those who suffer for them. Oh! that whensoever I see * *a Member of thine suffering*, as a good Fellow-Member, I may *suffer with it*. That I may be among those, † *who grieve for the afflictions of Joseph*; and come in to bear a share of their Adversity, who are enduring afflictions for thee; and

* 1 Cor. 12. 26.

† Am. 6. 6.

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* Heb. 12. 3. * *remember thoſe who are in bonds, as bound with them.*

† 2 Tim. 1. 8. Let † *not me be aſhamed of the Teſtimony of the Lord, nor* of any of thoſe who are his *Priſoners*. But rejoyce to make my ſelf a Companion of ſuch, as are bearing Tribulation for his Truths, and be glad when I can miniſter unto their neceſſities, and relieve the ſame. When I ſee them

* Mat. 25. 42, 43. 45. * *Sick, and in Priſon*, give me the heart *to viſit them*, or *ſtrangers*, and forced to leave their own homes for thy Cauſe, *to take them in*; or in want of *food*, and *rayment*, to ſupply them therewith. Give me Grace to do ſomething like to them, as I would do to thee, O! Bleſſed Jeſu, wert thou here before me, and in their Condition.

And Oh! that I may look upon ſuch ſervices, as the moſt bleſſed opportunities of ſhewing my Love unto thy ſelf, remembring that *thou wilt*

* Mat. 25. 40. *ſay* unto us one day, * *in as much as ye did it unto the leaſt of theſe, ye did it unto me.* Yea, that I may reekon my ſelf therein, to be ſhewing kindneſs, not ſo much to them, as to my own ſoul.

ſoul. Knowing, that thus to communicate, and have fellowſhip with them in their ſufferings, is the way to communicate and have fellowſhip with them in their Bleſſedneſs; and that † *he who receiveth a Prophet, or a righteous Man, in the name of a Prophet, or of a righteous Man, ſhall have a Prophet's, or a righteous Man's reward.* Wherewith thou, O! Father, wilt crown, both the Sufferers and their Partakers in the end, through the merits of our Lord and Saviour Jeſus Chriſt. *Amen.*

† Mat. 10. 41.

13. *A Prayer for deliverance from Perſecutions, after one is wearied therewith.*

O! Merciful God, who haſt viſited my Backſlidings, and tryed my Faith, and fixt adherence to thy ways with ſharp Perſecutions; look now with pity on my ſorrows and infirmities, and if it ſeem fit for thy Glory, and for my Good, ſend me the ſweet and ſpeedy comforts of reſt and peace.

Conſider my weakneſs, O! God, for I am † *brought very low.* Conſider that it is thine own cauſe, and that I am perſecuted for thy ſake. Conſider

† Pſa. 142. 6.

† Pſ. 69. 6. thoſe †*that wait on thee, and let not them be aſhamed*, or diſheartned *for my cauſe*. Conſider mine Enemies, and let not them ſtill more and more †*exalt themſelves*. And **remember, that they daily reproach thy ways*, and as oft as thou giveſt them ſucceſs againſt us, they triumph in it as thy favouring and owning of their ungodly violence, and aſperſe thee with their wickedneſs.

† Pſ. 140. 8.

* Pſ. 74. 18, 22.

† Pſ. 74. 22. †*Ariſe* then, O! Almighty God, *and plead thine own cauſe*. Ariſe, and right the oppreſſed, and make the proud, and the Men that rage in ways of ungodlineſs and violence, **to know themſelves*. Return not upon them, what they have done to us, O! Lord. But †*fill their faces with ſhame, that they may ſeek thy Name*; and give us eaſe from their violence, and grace to turn it to thy praiſe, and to the performance of all holy and thankful Obedience, through our Lord and Saviour Jeſus Chriſt. *Amen.*

* Pſ. 9. 20.

† Pſ. 83. 16.

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14. Interceſſions, or Prayers for others in Times of Perſecutions.

1. *A Prayer for Perſecutors, who at any time, or any where, are oppreſſing Truth, or Righteouſneſs.*

O! Moſt Gracious Father, ſhew mercy, we humbly intreat thee, towards our Perſecutors, though they neither ſhew mercy, nor juſtice towards us. Cure the deluſion of ſeduced, and ſeducing ſpirits. Let them not be led away with errors any longer, nor intoxicated with the love thereof. Let them not continue to reſiſt thy truth; much leſs proceed to blaſpheme and reproach it; and leaſt of all, to ſet themſelves to fight againſt it by an arm of fleſh, and cruelly to perſecute and extirpate the profeſſors thereof.

Pity thoſe who are ignorant, and ſet ſtraight thoſe who are perverſe among them. Remove thoſe prejudices, which blind their eyes; and ſweeten and mollifie their ſpirits, that they may no longer be driven aſide by malice and bitter paſſions; and diſpoſe

them by humility and meekneſs, and a ſincere love of truth and righteouſneſs, to a joyful reception and acknowledgement thereof, that inſtead of perſecuting, they may fall reſolutely to profeſs them, and, if need be, to ſuffer for the ſame.

But if any ſtill harden themſelves in their error and violence, and think
† Jo. 16. 2. that by *deſtroying thy ſervants,* † *they pleaſe thee, and do God ſervice*: yet deal not thou with them, O! God, as they deal with us; but ſave their Lives, though they ſeek to take away ours. Though we ſuffer, yea, or die by their hands, let them not die in their errors and wicked violence: But curb them, Good Lord, in their carier, and ſtop it in thy due time.

And if it may ſeem good to thee, work this bleſſed change in them, by mild and gentle methods. But if nothing elſe will touch their hearts with remorſe, afflict their bodies, O! Mer-
†Prov. 29. 15. ciful Father, and let † *the Rod give underſtanding*, and teach them repentance. Yea, let all thy croſſes come upon them, rather than the curſe of a ſeared Conſcience.

And

And when there is nothing left but smiting to reduce them, Lord give not off smiting them, till they are brought to see the wickedness of persecuting the ways of truth and righteousnes, and to make the best amends they can, by standing up zealously for the same. Say not unto them, as thou † didst to the *Revolting Jews*, who still † Isa. 1. 5. grow worse and worse under their corrections, *Why should you be stricken any more?* Nor deliver them up to the wretched ease of incorrigeable sinners, who are therefore at ease because their state is hopeless, and whose ease and respite is only that of condemn'd Prisoners, who are sealed up for sudden and inevitable vengeance. But by what-ever means thou shalt see fit to work the same; let their repentance prevent thine eternal vengeance, through the Merits of our Dearest Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

2. *Prayers for the Perſecuted, who happen in any place to be ſuffering for the cauſe of Truth or Righteouſneſs.*

1.

O! Almighty and moſt Merciful Father, extend thy help and pity in theſe trying times, to all the neceſſities and back-ſlidings of thy Servants. Have Mercy upon all, who either by their own worldly fears, and covetous deſires, or by the Art and cunning of Seducers, have been made to fall from thee, and raiſe them up again. Neither ſuffer them to reſt ſecure, nor to grow deſperate in their wickedneſs, but fill their hearts with ſuch awakenings, as may put them in the way of true Repentance.

And when any of them grow doubtful of what they have done, Lord, carry on their doubts to a full Conviction. And when once they are convinced of their Errors, give them no reſt till they have amended them. Let their † *Prayers and Alms aſcend up before thee,* and bring down Grace ſtill more and more to ſee their fall, and

† Act. 10. 31.

and to fit and fortify their Spirits to recover from it. Enable them to overcome all fears of ſhame and worldly loſs; to place their trueſt, and their only honour in Repentance; and their higheſt intereſt and ſafety, in rectifying and repairing what they have done amiſs; and to ſtudy above all things, how, deſpiſing worldly conſiderations, they may recover thy Peace, and ſave their precious and immortal Souls.

Shew Mercy alſo, O! Gracious God, on all thoſe, who are ſhaken in mind by theſe Storms, and begin to ſtagger in the Faith, and fix and ſettle them therein. And on all thoſe, who by thy Grace have reſolutely withſtood the ſame, and daily perfect and confirm them. Oh! Lord, daily make them more numerous, and let their Sufferings, like that of thy faithful Servants and Confeſſors of old, be a fruitful Seed of a truly righteous and holy Church. Lengthen out their Patience, whilſt thou prolongeſt their Sufferings, and ſtrengthen their Faith, that they may ſtedfaſtly perſevere therein. Let thy Providence ſupply

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thoſe wants, which any of them are reduced unto for a good Conſcience. Give them comfort under their Sufferings, and in thy due time an happy riddance thereof, and endleſs and unſpeakable joys at laſt in exchange for them.

The more their Enemies ſeek to root them out by unrighteous Perſecution, Oh! that they may anſwerably ſtrengthen themſelves the more in fervent and godly Devotion. Make them to have a ſtrict and conſcionable eye to all thy Laws, that whilſt in theſe Perſecuted points, they ſuffer as Saints, they miſs not at laſt of their reward, by taking liberty in any other things to live as Sinners. Oh! that they may ſtudy in all things to pleaſe thee in their Lives, that ſo they may be accepted in their Sufferings, for our Lord Jeſus Chriſts ſake. *Amen.*

2.

AND tho' here, O! Righteous Father, for thine Holineſs, and for thy Truths ſake, they are vile in the eyes of Men; let them be precious

ous in thine Eyes, and do thou own them from Heaven. Plead thou the cauſe of thy Servants, againſt thoſe that oppreſs them. Let their Perſecutors ſee, that there is no fighting againſt thee. Make them find, that Truth is ſtronger than they, and will at laſt prevail over them. And that Perſecutions, which they uſe for rooting out the ſincere Profeſſors thereof, are over-ruled by thine Almighty Power and Wiſdom, to propagate and multiply them.

And when all others are ready to forſake us in our afflictions, do thou, O! God, ſtick by us. Do thou ſtick by us in our extremities, and deliver us. † *Let not the miſchievous imaginations of the wicked always proſper, leſt they be too proud.* * *Let not the Rod of the Wicked reſt upon the Lot of the Righteous, leſt they put forth their hand unto Iniquity.* Shorten the days of theſe Sorrows, and make haſt to help and deliver us. And work that Deliverance, if it pleaſe thee, by the Conviction, rather than by the deſtruction of our Enemies, for our Bleſſed Lord and Saviour Jeſus Chriſts ſake. *Amen.*

† Pſ. 140. 8.

* Pſ. 125. 3.

3. *Prayers for a Kingdom when in any Time or Place it happens to labour under Perſecutions, for any part of Gods Truth, or way of Righteouſneſs: Or, when it is torn to pieces by Inteſtine Diviſions about the ſame.*

1.

O! Almighty and moſt Merciful God, have Mercy upon this moſt wretched and ſinful Land, and exalt the greatneſs of thy Mercy, by curing the Height of our Miſery. And in the firſt place, purge our Sins, O! Lord, which are the chief cauſe of all our Sorrows, and which are the heavieſt Plague that we lye under, tho', alaſs! we are leaſt ſenſible thereof.

Oh! give us not up to a Reprobate mind, and a ſeared Conſcience. Let thy Correction open all our Eyes, to ſee and abhor all that iniquity and ungodlineſs, which calls aloud to thee for Vengeance. Oh! that we may ſee, what it is to be falſe and faithleſs to God and Man; to forſake thee in our Diſtreſs, and ſeek to unrighteous ways

ways for Refuge. That we may lay to heart all that Hypocriſie and Prophaneneſs, all that ſhedding of Innocent Blood, all that Violence whereof our hands are full, and the Spoils and Oppreſſions, and other Wickedneſſes, which have reign'd amongſt us.

And by theſe foretaſts of Sorrows, which we have already felt in the courſe of theſe Iniquities: Grant, O! Lord, that we may be ſtruck with Terror of thoſe inſupportable Plagues and after-reckonings, which are yet to come if we continue in the ſame. And that we may learn thereby to Sin no more, but apply our ſelves faithfully to ſeek and ſerve thee, that we may be fit for thine Eternal Mercy, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

2.

AND when thou haſt cleared us of the Guilt, then Deliver us, O! Gracious Lord, from the Curſe of our Tranſgreſſions. Let not Power be employed to ſuppreſs thy Truths, or a Righteous Cauſe, but to ſupport them.

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Let not violence be able to force the Seat of Juſtice, nor to hinder or pervert the due and free courſe thereof. Bleſs the Labours of all thoſe, who ſeek to have Truth and Equity take place, and to plant and ſettle Peace on Righteouſneſs. And ſet thy Face againſt them, whoſe hearts and hands are ſet on ways of unjuſt Violence, and publick Diſturbance. Turn their hearts, O! God, to be in love with Peace and Juſtice: Or if ſtill they will be obſtinate againſt the ſame, weaken their hands, that they may not be able to hinder us of the ſpeedy and happy influence, and ſettled enjoyment thereof.

Bind up our breaches, O! Father, and make all our unnatural broils and bloodſhed ceaſe. We are a People ſhaken to pieces, do thou ſettle us. We are all in confuſion, do thou bring us into order. We are broken by our Sins, Oh! do thou repair and heal us, by reſtoring us to ways of Righteouſneſs. Our guilt and miſery have made us heartleſs, and void of courage; Oh! let Innocence, and the light of thy Countenance, raiſe our Spirits. We lye comfortleſs in our Iniquities, Oh!

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Oh! Let thy Spirit reform us, and then ſpeak comfort to us. Heal all the Sores of our Souls, and then lighten our Earthly Burdens. Keep Life in this exhauſted * Kingdom, which is ready to faint, and daily encreaſe it in the ſame, and ſettle us once more in Juſtice, and Holineſs, Peace and Safety, for Jeſus Chriſt's ſake, *Amen.*

* or in theſe *Exhauſted Kingdoms*, when theſe Prayers need at any time to be put up for more *Kingdoms* than one.

4. Prayers for the Church, when in any any Time or Place, it is called to ſuffer Perſecution for Truth or Righteouſneſs.

1. *A general Prayer for things needful to the ſame in ſuch Times of Perſecution.*

O! Almighty Lord, who † *haſt purchaſed to thy ſelf a Church with thine own Blood*; look in Mercy upon the ſame, however Diſtreſſed thro' all the World. Eſpecially upon that part thereof which languiſheth

† Act. 20. 28.

in this Land, and ſuffer not the Adverſary to lay it waſte, or utterly to deface it, after thou haſt paid ſo dear for it.

Let not either Superſtition, or immoral Wickedneſs, Corrupt and Prophane thy Worſhip; nor let Schiſm any longer tear thy Body to pieces. Let not vile Men go on, to make Religion a Cover and Pretence for acting againſt moral Honeſty and Juſtice, leſt the Hypocriſie of ſome beget Atheiſm in others, and leſt thereby looſe Men be tempted to think, and take occaſion to ſay, That there is nothing under any Profeſſions of Religion but ſerving Worldly ends, becauſe they can ſee nothing elſe under theirs.

Oh! That Truth and Righteouſneſs may be ſet up in thy Church, and that Love and Unity may be ſet up in our Hearts. That we may once more hear the Voice of Joy and Peace, and receive Beauty for Aſhes.

Pity a Church, O! Bleſſed Lord, which has long maintained Truth of Doctrin, and Purity of Worſhip in

in the Nation; and which has openly professed, and bore out the Doctrin of patient Suffering for Righteousness, and not resorting to any evil means for Relief, in the Eyes of Men. Pity those who suffer, and are in danger to be destroyed for their stedfast adhering to these thy ways, when others generally fall off from them, and set themselves violently to persecute the same. And hear their Crys, who mourn in *Sion*, and are afflicted for the Dishonour that is brought upon thy Name, and for all the Violences which are done to an Holy Religion.

Preserve them, Holy FATHER, by thy Power, and give them not up to the VVill of their Oppressors. But stir up thy Strength, and come and help us. Give us Constancy against the Errors of our Persecutors; and in thy good time give us rest from their Violence, for our Blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ's sake, *Amen.*

The Collect *for the Fifth* Sunday *after* Trinity.

GRant, O! Lord, we beſeech thee, that the Courſe of this World may be ſo peaceably ordered by thy Governance, that thy Church may joyfully ſerve thee in all Godly Quietneſs, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord, Amen.

2. Prayers for particular Graces or Bleſſings, when at any time, or any where, it is violently broken, or preſſed by Perſecutions, to forſake the way of God's Truth, or Righteouſneſs.

1. *Prayers for its Purity and Integrity.*

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O! Father of Mercies, who ſeeſt all the Back-ſlidings and Calamities of thy poor Church amongſt us; pity its miſery, and poſſeſs it with ſuch a Spirit, as is fit to enliven and actuate thy Body. Oh!

Oh! Keep it in thy Truth, and save it from Heresie, and false Doctrines, either about Faith, or Practice. Give it not up to teach Errors for Advantage, or to justifie unlawful ways for worldly Ends, and Securities. Nor suffer it to suit its Doctrines to secular Turns, or to change Religious Principles, as it shall be driven thereto, by worldy Necessities.

Fix it in ways of Holiness, O! Lord, that all its Ministrations may be such, as become Saints. Suffer it not to mix Sin in thy Service, or to teach it to thy People. To pollute holy *Offices*, with any ungodly or unrighteous Petitions; and prostitute and prophane thy Worship, by falling therein to offer any abominable things. Oh! let not its Ministrations become the Ministrations of Unrighteousness, but be Holy and without Blemish, as befits thine House, and becomes thy Spouse.

Whilst thou art pleased to try it with Tribulations, Lord, let them only purge it, but not lay it waste.

And revive a suffering Spirit among us, * *when* it labours under a suffering State. Make it willing then, and ready to quit all Interests of this World, and live upon the hopes of a better. Enable it contentedly, yea, joyfully to take up thy Cross, and to bear it after thee. Oh! that at such times it may always be more afraid of Sinning, than of Suffering. Oh! that it may never fall, to make the way of Gain, to pass for the way Godliness; or to Preach up what is Unrighteous, because it is become serviceable and safe. Nor ever seek to Error and Wickedness for Refuge, instead of seeking to God, and trusting in him, and in his holy ways, for the same.

Oh! Father, in thy Mercy, guard it against all Error and Ungodliness; rescue it from all Schisms and Divisions; and free it in thy due time of its Distress and Persecutions, for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

* or instead of *when*, say *now*, If the Church prayed for, is actually suffering.

2.

O! Almighty Lord, Direct and Rule the Hearts of thy People by the Power of thy Grace, that they may no longer run furiously upon Unrighteous Expedients, nor by their Violence drive their Teachers into the Practice and Justification thereof. Oh! that they may seek to hear true, and not pleasing things; and not only hear, but love to be faithfully dealt with. And give them not up, O! Father, to persecute the Preachers of Righteousness, who are ready to warn them of the Error and Danger of their ways; or to despite them, and treat them as their worst Enemies, only for telling them thy Saving Truths.

Lord, let not the love of Error, and Hatred of those Truths which are according to Godliness and Honesty, always Reign in them. Let them not persist therein without Remorse. Or, when they are smitten with Relentings, let them not lie sealed up in their Iniquity,

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as the fallen Angels do, by deſpair of Mercy, and ſeat themſelves among thoſe Sinners, who, when once they have done ill, think they cannot be ſafe, but by doing worſe.

Eſpecially, O! God, deliver them not over to a *Reprobate Senſe*, nor ſhut them up under a *Spiritual Blindneſs*. But open their Eyes, to ſee from whence they are fallen, and to ſeek after thoſe things which are neceſſary to their Everlaſting Peace, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord, *Amen.*

2. *Prayers for cure of Schiſms, and for Graces in divided Times.*

1:

DEliver this Church, O! Almighty Lord, from Schiſms, which have torn it to pieces. And grant that all thoſe Members, who are broken off, may return to offer up their Religious Services, in due Dependance upon their own *Orthodox* and *Lawful Paſtors*: and to make

make Conſcience of keeping Union, and of continuing Subject and Obedient unto thoſe, who are Rightfully ſet over them in the Government of thy Church.

Let them not think it enough, O! God, to have Holy Prayers. But teach them moreover, to put up theſe Prayers in ſuch Aſſemblies, as keep Obedient and United to thoſe Spiritual Fathers, whom thou haſt called to be the Rightful Governors of the Body. And make them know, that when, as good Chriſtians, they are careful to joyn in none but Holy Services; they muſt take care alſo, as good Church-Members, to preſent thoſe Services to thine Hands, in the Unity and Communion of thy Church; there to be accepted with thee, through his Merits and Mediation, who is the * *Head and Saviour of the Body*, even thy moſt Bleſſed Son, and our only Saviour Jeſus Chriſt, *Amen.*

* Eph. 5. 23.

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BEnd the Hearts of all amongſt us, O! bleſſed Lord, to have Peace amongſt themſelves. Teach them Humility and Submiſſion to thoſe, whom thou haſt put in Authority over them. Let Love and Lowlineſs increaſe, and all ſelf-denying and amicable Tempers. And remove far from us Covetous and Aſpiring Thoughts, and Pride, and ſelf-pleaſing, and all Wrath and bitter Paſſions.

Reconcile all jarring Spirits; and cauſe all Diſcord and Diviſion to ceaſe. And diſpoſe us all, O! Jeſu, thou Prince of Peace, to ſee thoſe Truths, which make for Peace, and tend to cloſe our Breaches, and willingly to ſubmit to them. Let us not give way ſo far to Anger and bitter Paſſions, till none but violent things will pleaſe us, and till we grow fond and greedy of any Error that will make the Breach wider, but Zealous againſt ſuch Truths as might ſerve again to unite

unite and bring us together. Oh! keep us strictly careful, both of Peace and Truth. And as we humbly pray, that we may never give up thy saving Truths for Peace; so do we likewise, that we may never divide from each other, and be averse to Peace, when thy Holy Truths stand in no need thereof.

And whilst we labour under our unhappy Breaches; Let us not be wanting in any mutual *Offices* of Humanity, good Neighbourhood, or common Justice towards each other: Let us not fancy, that their being of different Opinions, or of different Churches from us, must put a stop to the Just Acts and Offices of Gratitude, and to the Remembrance of former kindness; or that they must give us a discharge, from any mutual Obligations of natural Kindred, or of civil Relations.

Especially, O! Merciful God, keep us from placing all Religion in the Notes of a Party. Let us not so over-rate the real, or fancied Virtues of our several Divisions, as

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to take up therewith; and become our selves as culpable, for the Breach and allowed Neglect of some Duties, as we charge our Brethren to be, for the Breach of others. But whilst on all sides we are zealous in pursuing those points, wherein we differ; let us be zealous for others too, aud not overlook, or lay aside the care of good Life, and of that common Religion, wherein we all agree, and which at last must deliver us all from thy Wrath, and prepare us for thine Everlasting Mercies, thro' our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, *Amen.*

3. *Prayers for the Bishops and Clergy, under Persecutions.*

1.

O! Almighty Lord, under all these Persecutions which are sent to prove and purge us, have an especial care of the Bishops and Pastors of thy Church, who are set to take of thy People, and to defend

ſend thy cauſe, and fill their Hearts with the power of thy Spirit, and with all thoſe Gifts and Graces, which are needful to maintain their own Standing, or prevent the Falls of others.

Make them clear Examples, O! God, of Holy Living, and of truly Chriſtian and Righteous Suffering to thy Flock; ſetting before their Eyes the lively Draughts, and conſtant Practice of Faith and Patience, Meekneſs and Charity, and of a Heart mortified to this World, and full of the Thoughts and Hopes of a better.

Give them Grace, O! Lord, to watch over thy People, with willing Minds, and with unwearied Diligence. Oh! that they may Rule them prudently, and skilfully, as wiſe Guides: And feed them faithfully, as good Shepherds. Oh! that they may wholly apply themſelves, to Preach thy Word, and to adminiſter thy pure Worſhip and Sacrament, to comfort the Afflicted, to ſtrengthen the Feeble-minded, to confirm thoſe that Stand, and

to raise up those that are faln, to quicken the Indifference and Lukewarmness of some, and to curb and bridle the inordinate Heat, and undue Passions and Violence of others.

And let them not think of quitting the trust and Charge of Ministring to Souls, * *when the Wolf approacheth*, or leave of caring for thy Flock, to take care of themselves: But keep them ever mindful, O! Holy Jesu, that thou art * *the true Shepherd who gavest thy Life for the Sheep*; and that, as thy true Followers, and faithful Ministers, they must be diligent at such times, in Ministring to their wants, and attend upon the same at all hazards. Let them shew then, that they * *love thee*, by *feeding thy Sheep*. Enable them to shew * *perfect Love*, which *casteth out Fear*. And give them Grace, * *to speak thy word*, and to do thy work, *with Boldness* and *Uprightness*; neither fearing the Faces of their Persecutors, nor tolerating, and muchless, feeding the Diseases, or Vices of their Flocks; but remem-

* Joh. 10. 12.

* v. 11.

* Joh. 21. 15, 16, 17.

* 1 Jo. 4. 18.

* Act. 4. 29.

membring always, that in thy Church, they preſide and Miniſter for thee; and as they, who are to give an Account for Souls.

Poſſeſs their Hearts, O! God, with ſuch vigilant Care and Love for Souls, and Holy Zeal, and Godly Courage and Prudence, as is requiſite for Men in their High Truſts and Stations, and under the preſent wants, and Difficulties of thy Church: And be with them in all they do, and in all they ſuffer for thy Cauſe, for our Lord Jeſus Chriſt's ſake, *Amen.*

2.

COmfort up their Spirits alſo, O! Lord, with the viſible Effects, and good Fruits of their Labours and Sufferings among thy People: But whatever ſucceſs they meet withal, let them not deſiſt from thy Service, nor fall to do thy Work negligently; but when there is the leaſt appearance of their working good up others, let it however ſatisfie and ſupport them, that

they have thereby ſhown their Fidelity and Love to thee; and have delivered their own Souls.

And keep them from all vain Janglings, O! thou Bleſſed Spirit of Love and Peace, and from falling into deſires of vain-Glory, or Emulation among themſelves. Let them not defile their own Spirits, or diſparage thy Cauſe, by turning aſide to vent humane Paſſions, or to ſeek or ſerve any worldly ends. But in all their Labours and Sufferings for thy Church, help them to approve themſelves pure and ſincere, as Men, whoſe great care and chief buſineſs is to ſerve thee, and to watch for the Good of Souls.

And whilſt they are watching for thy People, Lord, let thy good Providence watch over them. When thy Service, and the needs of Souls do moſt endanger and expoſe them, let them be ſafe in thy keeping. Put by the Malice and Machinations of their Enemies, and give them Patience and unwearied Perſeverance, under all their Difficulties

culties and Diſtreſſes: Support and Comfort them under the ſame at preſent, and turn them all in the end to the furtherance of thy Truth, and to the encreaſe of their own Everlaſting Peace and Happineſs, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

4. *A Prayer for both Clergy and People.*

O! Lord, whilſt thou art trying us with Loſſes and Worldly Sorrows, make us eaſie under the ſame, and careful to bear them with Patience, and raiſed Affections. But let us not betake our ſelves to Pride, and ſelf-pleaſing, and to feed thoſe corrupt Paſſions, which our Afflictions ſhould purge out, nor ever fall to ſeek or think of great things here for our ſelves.

Oh! that our Tribulations may teach us to be humble, and to mortifie our own Paſſions. Oh! that our worldy Sorrows may cure and turn us, from being any longer fond of this World, and from feed-

ing our ſelves with any vain and enſnaring Hopes or Deſires thereof. And that whilſt we are daily croſſed in our Fleſhly Deſires, we may ceaſe to be any longer bent upon our own Wills, and may in all things reſign our ſelves up to thine.

Let not our Perſecutions, O! Gracious God, be loſt upon us, nor let us be unprofitable Schollars in the School of Affliction: Let it not be juſtly chargeable on us, that Tribulations could not mend us, nor *the fiery Trial* refine our Spirits, and purge away our Droſs. But bring us by our Sufferings, to know our ſelves, and to ſet light by all Earthly things, and to take up with thee for our Portion, and with the Sure and Bleſſed Hopes of thine Everlaſting Mercies, thro' the Merits and Mediation of Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

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§. *A Prayer for the Churches Defence, and Deliverance from Persecutions.*

UNder all its Wants and Backslidings, Sorrows and Distresses, look thou upon thy Church, O! Lord, and support and deliver it. Many are they who Combine against it, and great is their Power, and Vigilant and Earnest is their Care and Endeavour, to suppress and destroy it. And against all their Assaults, it has no other Defence, but thy Grace and good Providence.

Do not thou forsake it then, O! God, for it flies to thee, and rests on thee alone for Succor. Maintain it, for it is thine own Cause. And if it be cast down, thine Enemies and theirs will tryumph. Take the Matter therefore into thine Hand, for no other is sufficient for it, and thou art most concerned therein. Bring it safe through this *Fiery Trial*, and let it not be consumed thereby, but, as * *Gold* is, only purged and putrified of its Dross. Give it

* 1 Pet. 1. 7.

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a Cure, O! Lord, of all its Errors and Impurities, and quietness in the End from Persecutions, and Grace not to grow careless, or be Corrupted by days of Ease; but to improve the same, in doing thee Honour and Service with more Freedom, and fewer Interruptions, thro' Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

15. *A Thanksgiving for any Comfortable Cessation, or for Rest and Ease from Persecution.*

BLessed be thy Great and Glorious Name; O! Father of Mercies, and God of all Comforts, for the comfort of these days of ease, from our former Tribulations. Thou hast in great pity considered our Frailty and Weakness, and hath * *not suffered the Rod of the Persecutors to lie* too heavy, or rest too long upon our Backs. Thou hast not been Deaf to our Desires when we called upon thee, nor suffered our Hopes in thy Gracious Promises to fail. *Thou hast fulfilled thy Word unto thy Servants,* who served and suffered

* Psal. 125. 3.

suffered for thee in Confidence thereof; and hast *made the Wicked to cease from troubling us*, and exchanged the *Fiery Trial* of their ungodly Violence, for the sweet and refreshing Comforts of this Rest and Peace.

O! Lord, let us never forget this great Mercy, nor abuse it. Let us not grow Careless or Corrupt by the Blessings of Peace, or run into Earthly Affections and Dependencies; and contract such Dross, as may need a second time to be brought through the Furnace. But keep us sober, and purged and purified in our Hearts and Minds; and maintain in us such a Godly Zeal, and watchful diligence under the same, as will make use of the blessed Opportunities of Peace, for going on with more constancy, and with less hindrance and disturbance in thy Service.

And make us learn, O! Gracious God, by our past Suffering, and Experience of thy Goodness, to keep improved in Faith and Patience. Having found thee so faithful in

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our neceſſity, give us Grace to re-
* Heb. 10. 38. lye upon thee. Let us * *not caſt away our confidence*, nor * *grow wea-*
* Gal. 6. 9. *ry in well doing; knowing that in due time we ſhall reap, if we faint not.* Oh! that the ſweet Remembrance of thy Mercies may ever fill our Hearts with Love, and our Tongues with Praiſe. Oh! that it may make us careful in well doing, and confident of thy Faithfulneſs and Care over us, whilſt we commit our Souls unto thy keeping, in holding to thy ways, through our Bleſſed Lord and Saviour Jeſus Chriſt. *Amen.*

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AN OFFICE FOR Prisoners for Righteousness.

SCRIPTURES.

Psal. 7. Act. 5. from v. 18. Mat. 10. } { Psal. 10. Act. 16. from v. 18. 1 Pet. 4. from v. 12.

I.

YE *shall be Betrayed, both by Parents and Brethren, and Kinsfolk and Friends; and some of you shall they cause to be put to Death.*

And they shall lay Hands on you, and deliver you up into Prisons, and ye shall be brought before Kings and Rulers for my Names sake. And

And it shall turn to you for a Testimony.

But there shall not an Hair of your Head perish.

In your Patience possess ye your Souls,

And Meditate not before, what ye shall answer. But settle in your Hearts, that I will give you a Mouth and Wisdom, which all your Adversaries shall not be able to gain say, or resist, Luk. 21. 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19.

Precious in the Sight of the Lord, is the Death of his Saints, Ps. 116. 15.

What mean ye to weep, and to break mine Heart? For I am ready not to be bound only, but to die at Jerusalem, *for the Name of the Lord Jesus,* Act. 21. 13.

He that loveth his Life shall lose it; and he that hateth his Life in this World, shall keep it unto Life Eternal, Joh. 12. 25.

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THE Lord heareth the poor, and despiseth not his Prisoners, Psal. 69. 33. Deliver

Deliver me from my Perſecutors, for they are ſtronger than I. Bring my Soul out of Priſon, that I may praiſe thy Name, Pſal. 142. 6, 7.

Deliver me, O! Lord, from the evil man, preſerve me from the Men of Violence.

Keep me, O! Lord, from the Hands of the Wicked, who have propoſed to overthrow my Goings.

For the Proud have hid a Snare for me, and Cords; they have ſpread a Net by the way-ſide, they have ſet Gins for me.

They have ſharpned their Tongues like a Serpent, Adders Poyſon is under their Lips, Pſal. 140. 1, 3, 4, 5.

In the work of the Goſpel, I ſuffer trouble as an evil Doer, even unto Bonds; but the word of God is not bound, 2 Tim. 2. 9.

For many of the Brethren in the Lord, waxing confident by my Bonds, are much more bold to ſpeak the word without Fear. Phil. 1. 14.

3.

Remember my Bonds, Col. 4. 18. *Remember those that are in Bonds, as bound with them*, Heb. 13. 3.

Ye had compassion on me in my Bonds, and took joyfully the spoiling of your Goods, whilst ye became Companions of those, that were made a gazing-Stock by Reproaches and Afflictions, Heb. 10. 33, 34.

I would have retained Onesimus *with me, that in thy stead he might have ministred to me in the Bonds of the Gospel*, Philem. 13.

Be not thou ashamed of the Testimony of our Lord, nor of me his Prisoner; but be thou partaker of the Afflictions of the Gospel, according to the Power of God, 2 Tim. 1. 8.

Both in my Bonds, and in the Confirmation and Defence of the Gospel, ye are all Partakers of my Grace, Phil. 1. 7.

I was in Prison, and ye came unto me. In as much as ye have done it to one of the least of these my Brethren, ye have done it unto me, Mat. 25. 36, 40.

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4. An Hymn of Thanksgiving, for Deliverance upon a Trial, or out of Priſon.

IF it had not been the Lord, who was on my ſide, when Men roſe up againſt me.

Then they had ſwallowed me up quick, when their Wrath was kindled againſt me.

Then the proud Waters had gone over my Soul, Pſal. 124. 2, 3, 5.

The Sorrows of Death compaſſed me, and the Floods of ungodly Men made me afraid, Pſal. 18. 4.

They compaſſed me about like Bees, they thruſt ſore at me, that I might fall; but the Lord helped me, Pſal. 118. 12, 13.

And I had the Sentence of Death in my ſelf, that I ſhould not truſt in my ſelf, but in God which raiſeth the Dead, 2 Cor. 1. 9.

But bleſſed be the Lord, who hath not given me as a Prey unto their Death.

My Soul is eſcaped, as a Bird out of the Snare of the Fowler; the Snare is broken, and I have eſcaped, Pſ. 124. 6 7.

He ſent down his Hand from above, and delivered me out of the great Waters, from the Hands of ſtrange Children.

Whoſe Mouth ſpeaketh Vanity, and their Right Hand is a Right Hand of Falſhood, Pſ. 144. 7, 8.

He delivered me from my ſtrong Enemy, and from them which hated me; for they were too ſtreng for me.

He brought me forth alſo into a large place; he delivered me, becauſe he delighted in me, Pſal. 18. 17, 19.

The Lord is my Strength, and my Song, and is become my Salvation.

The Lord is on my ſide; I will not fear what Man can do unto me.

I ſhall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord, Pſal. 118. 6, 14, 17.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghoſt.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever ſhall be, World without end. Amen.

This Doxology may likewiſe be uſed at the end of the ſeveral proceeding Collections of Scriptures, in

in this *Office for Priſoners for Righteouſneſs*, as alſo at the end of the ſeveral Collections of Scripture, in the former *Office for thoſe, who ſuffer for Righteouſneſs*; when theſe Collections are read, not only for Inſtruction, but Devotionally, as *Hymns to God.*

Prayers.

I. *A General Prayer for all Priſoners.*

O! Almighty and Everlaſting God, thou ſeeſt the Streights and Sorrows which I endure in this place, and how unable I am to help my ſelf, or to bring about my own Deliverance. But the leſs Hope and Support I have in my ſelf, the more I look up unto thee, and place my Truſt in thy Mercy. And when my own care can avail the leaſt, let thine, O! thou bleſſed Helper of the Helpleſs, appear the moſt for me.

Give me a Body, O! my God, fit to bear the Inconveniences of this cloſe place, and Grace to be

content therewith: Whilſt I lie up here, let me not want neceſſary Proviſions, nor repine at the meanneſs thereof. Suit the lowneſs of my Deſires, to the hardſhip of my Circumſtances, and let the greatneſs of my ſtudy and care be, to * *do Juſtice*, and ſhew Temperance and Self-denials) not to pleaſe my ſelf, or to gratifie my own Carnal Eaſe and Appetites.

* *indemnifie and content my Creditors*, when for Debt.

Whilſt I am here kept apart from my former acquaintance, Grant, O! Lord, that I may carefully retire into my Self, and *call mine own ways to remembrance.* And, Oh! that I may amend whatſoever is amiſs there, and ſet all ſo ſtreight with thee, that I may delight to look into my own Heart, and *to ſearch out my own Spirit.* Lord! now thou haſt left me nothing elſe to do, make me apply my ſelf wholly to * *the one thing neceſſary.* To grow in Holy Reverence, and Devotion of Spirit, in the ſtudy of dealing juſtly, and fairly, with all who are any way concerned with me; in Humility and mortified Affections,

*Luk. 10. 24.

fections, in Patience and Contentedneſs. Oh! plant and fill my Soul, with all Heavenly Virtues, and make bright all the cloudy and dark parts thereof, with the Rays of thy divine Image. And then, O! my God, I ſhall ſee ſomething of thee, as oft as I look into my ſelf, and learn to be pleaſed with my own Company, though others are kept from me.

And in whatſoever want I am of other Comforts, grant, O! Father of Mercies, that both here, and ever hereafter, I may have the Comfort of thy Preſence. When all elſe are taken from me, do not thou forſake me. Though I dwell in a diſconſolate Room, let thy Spirit dwell with me. Let thy Law at all times direct me, and let the Senſe of thy Love comfort me. And after thou haſt Graciouſly improved this Melancholy Reſtraint, to wean me from vain and carnal Delight, and to ſet my Soul free in thy good time. O! my refuge and ſtrength, deliver me out of this Priſon, and ſet my Body too at Liber-

Liberty, for my dear Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

The *Prisoner for Righteousness* may use the preceding Prayers, for Integrity, for *Constancy in persecuted Duties*, for *Faith*, for *Trust in God*, for *Patience*, for *Charity towards Persecutors*, *&c.* in the foregoing Office for *Sufferers for Righteousness*, as he sees cause.

And for more particular Circumstances and needs, of such as are Prisoners for the same, they may express the Devotion of their Spirit in these Prayers following.

2. *Particular Prayers.*

1. *A Prayer for the Prisoner for any part of Truth or Righteousness, to use in his Family.*

O! Father of Mercies, who takest the Poor and Helpless, under thine own more immediate and especial care, when thou takest those from them, whose part it is under thee to take care of them; shew

shew the Riches of thy Grace and Loving-kindness; I humbly intreat thee, to my (* *Dear Wife and Children.*] Guide them always by thy Holy Spirit, and watch over them with an indulgent providence. [Keep them obedient to Councel, and continue them under the Blessing of her care.) Preserve them from Want, and protect them from Danger, and make them a mutual Comfort, and Support to each other. And in the midst of all my Troubles, continue (both her and) them a constant Comfort and Refreshment to me thy poor unworthy Servant.

And let me not, O! Gracious God, make them unhappy. Or, if we suffer in common, for standing off from prevailing Violence, and because we will not concurr, or stake in with the wicked Actings of an unrighteous Generation; let none of us repine at such Sufferings, but look upon them as Afflions, that are willing to be embraced; yea, rather Triumphantly to be rejoyced in. I humbly desire, O!

* When the *Prisoner* has not these Relations, he may say, *to my Father's House*, and omit the Words contained within the Marks ( ) and make other Alterations, as this case shall require.

O! Father, that may all truſt thee with our ſelves, and cheerfully reſt upon thy Faithfulneſs, to make up to us any Loſſes, which ſhall befal us on ſuch accounts. Thy good Providence is a great and bleſſed portion in ſuch caſes, as, praiſed be thy Name, thy Saints have found in all times, by joyful Experience. And to that good Providence, O! my God, do I truſt. It ſhall always be my Hope and Confidence; and oh! that as it is the trueſt Bleſſing, ſo it may ever be the happy portion, both of me and mine, thro' Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

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2. Prayers

2. *Prayers for the Priſoner for Truth or Righteouſneſs, to uſe for himſelf.*

1. *A Prayer for Deliverance from Enemies and Proſecutors, when at any time, or any where, he is put in Priſon, for any Parts of Truth, or Righteouſneſs.*

O! Merciful God, who art the Helper of the Helpleſs, and a Refuge for the oppreſſed in the Day of their Troubles; be thou my Fortreſs and Help againſt my Perſecutors.

They are mine Enemies, O! Lord, for thy ſake; and therefore ſet themſelves thus violently againſt me, becauſe they cannot drive me to leave thee. And I have no viſible way left to appeaſe their Hatred, becauſe I dare not forſake a juſt Cauſe, or go along with them in ſpeaking and acting againſt that which is right. And * *theſe mine Enemies are many*, and Mighty; and * Pſal. 25. 19.

and they perſecute me violently,
* Pſal. 22. 11. and *have laid a Trap for my Soul,* and * *there is none to help me.*

But though I can neither appeaſe their Hatred, nor withſtand it; yet thou, O! Lord, canſt alter it at thy Pleaſure; or, if they perſiſt therein, thou canſt diſappoint them. And to thee do I flee, and look for Succour. Help me therefore, O! my God, for in thee do I truſt. Help thou me, for I have none elſe to help me, for *Deceitful*
* Pſal. 108. 12. *are the Promiſes,* and * *vain is the help of Men.* * *Make haſte to help me,*
* Pſ. 22. 11, 19. *for Trouble is hard at Hand.* Turn the Hearts of mine Enemies, for ſeeking my Life; or, if they will perſevere therein, bring to nought their evil Purpoſes. Forgive them, Gracious Father, and bring not them into ſuch a Pit, as they have digged for me. But Preſerve me from falling into it, and from being loſt in the Depth thereof, for my deareſt Lord and Saviour, Jeſus Chriſt's ſake. *Amen.*

2. *A Prayer for Deliverance, from Frail and Faithleſs Friends, when they are brought in at ſuch Times, to accuſe him for the ſame.*

YEA, O! Gracious Father, not only the Envy and Malice of mine Enemies, but the weakneſs of my own familiar Friends is made uſe of to deſtroy me. And a violent Temptation is laid before them, to compaſs their own Safety, by joyning to compaſs my Fall.

But the Hearts of all Men, O! Almighty Lord, are in thine Hand. Thou canſt at thy Pleaſure fortifie the fearful, and fix the wavering, and unreſolved Spirit; and give Fidelity, Honour, and Conſcience, ſuch Power with them, as ſhall prevail over their corrupt Fears, and worldly Intereſts. Thou canſt as eaſily ſtrengthen the weakneſs of my Friends, and keep them from Breach of Confidence, from all Faithleſs, or ſtrained and falſe Accuſations; as thou canſt turn, or defeat the Malice of my Foes. And to thee, O! merciful Father,

do I truſt, that neither my Foes ſhall have their Wills, in working of my Ruin; nor the weakneſs of my Friends ſhall carry them againſt their Wills, to do the ſame.

And oh! as thou art my Confidence, ſo let me be thy Care. Keep me ſafe here under thy cuſtody, and receive me at laſt to thine Everlaſting Mercy, for thy bleſſed Son, and my only Saviour Jeſus Chriſt's ſake. *Amen.*

3. *A Prayer for Graces at ſuch times, under his Sufferings and Perſecutions for any ways of Truth and Righteouſneſs.*

IN the mean time, O! Righteous Lord, whatſoever thou haſt appointed for me in this Tryal, I am content to bear it. And give me Strength and Ability to bear it; yea, though it proceed to Blood. I reſign my ſelf up to thy good pleaſure therein. I humbly and meekly ſubmit to it, as it is thy doing, and as it is infinitely my Deſerving, and own thy Judgment upon

upon me for my Sins, * to be moſt Juſt and Righteous therein. But then, Holy Father, I moſt earneſtly intreat thee, that I may have all my Puniſhment in this World, but reſt with thee in thy Heavenly Kingdom.

especially, &c. here name Particulars.

Yea, as my Tryal is a Suffering for thy Righteouſneſs, I thankfully receive it at thine Hand. But then, O! my God, whilſt I am tried for thee, do thou ſhew forth thy Power, and the abundance of thy Grace in me. Grant me a Serene Patience, calmly to bear my Sufferings, and contentedly and quietly to wait the end thereof. Give me Courage and conſtant Preſence of Mind, to behave my ſelf undauntedly; and Prudence, to act and anſwer in all things, wiſely, and becomingly. Give me Faith in thy power and promiſes, to hold on without Fainting, in ſure Expectation of thy Succors; and to endure all without wearineſs, in Confidence of thy joyful and eternal Recompences. Fill me with an inflexible Integrity, and Conſtancy in my

Duty, that I may not waver therein at any time, much leſs fall from it, or from any Precepts thereof, to rid my ſelf out of my own great Troubles, or to bring any deſired Events to paſs. Yea, fill me with ſuch Conſtancy in thy ways, as will * *not ſuffer me*, how long ſoever *the Rod of the Unrighteous reſts upon me, to put forth my Hand unto Iniquity*. And give me Charity after thine own Example, O! bleſſed Jeſu, freely to forgive my Malicious Enemies, or Frail and Faithleſs Friends, and heartily to pray for them, tho' they continue to perſecute me. Whilſt thou keepeſt on my Trials, deny me not theſe Graces, O! merciful Lord, nor any others, which thou ſeeſt needful for me, that I may acquit my ſelf well and acceptably under the ſame, for our Lord Jeſus Chriſt's ſake. *Amen.*

* Pſal. 125. 3.

4. *A Prayer for a Mind raiſed above Earthly Things.*

O! Father of Mercies, raiſe my Mind by theſe Afflictions, above

bove the Love of all Earthly Things. Yea, even of those things, which I have lavishly spent most time upon, and have been the most inordinately fond of. I see now, and make me daily to see it more and more, how vain and unprofitable they are when the evil day comes. And oh! what I may learn thereby, and learn it perfectly, to fix mine Eyes and Heart on thee, who hast deserved more of me infinitely than I can express to thee; and who canst always help and comfort me; and wilt never leave me, especially not then, when I am driven to thee for Succour, and find the greatest Need to have thee stand by me.

Make my Duty, good Lord, to become my Delight; and Heavenly things, my Treasure. For they are Comforts in Distress; stable Comforts, that will accompany us to the Block, or the Grave, and beyond them; and will not fail to make us infinitely, and for ever happy in thy Presence. Which Grant, O! Heavenly Father, to me a wretched Sinner, for the sake of my dearest Saviour

viour and Redeemer, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

5. *A Prayer for* Peace *with God, and a quiet* Conscience.

ABove all, O! blessed Lord, let me have the Comforts of thy holy Spirit, and a clear and quiet Conscience, to support me under all these hard Tryals. Shew me all my Sins, and give me Grace intirely to repent of them, and to be perfectly set against the same. But assure me at the same time, of thy Mercies towards all true penitent Sinners; and make me see, O! Gracious Father, that for Christ's sake, thou art not only willing, but desirous and joyful to receive them, yea, to **run out, and meet them,* as the *tender Father* did the *Returning Prodigal.*

* Luk. 15. 20.

And as for my Sins, O! God, tho' with the Prodigal, I have gone far, and have lost my self in evil ways; yet by thy Grace, I am come also with him heartily to return from mine Offences. I am weary of my Sins,

Sins, and am earnestly desirous to forsake them. Tho' I have been lamentably careless in times past; yet now my sincere desire, and full purpose is, to shew a Godly care, and diligent endeavour against the same, for the time to come. And I humbly depend upon thy Grace, and trust to thy precious promises thereof, to perfect and give strength to my sincere Endeavours.

Look upon me therefore, O! Father, and give me the Comfort to look upon my self, as one, who, though he has been an offending, is now become a Returning Son. Let not my Sins rise up against me, after once I have truly repented of them. Let them not be able to provoke thy wrath, or to trouble my Conscience. But make me know, that however offensive I was in the ways of my Wickedness, thro' the Blood of thy Son, I am acceptable to thee in the ways of my Repentance. And that my Sins, however provoking, whilst I lay in them; give thee no more provocation, after once I return from them. Yea, tho' great and

and ſtrong in themſelves, yet, that after true Repentance, they are not too great for my Saviour's Merits, or for thy Mercies; not too grievous for thy Goodneſs to forgive, or too ſtrong for thy Grace to cure.

I am ready, O! my God, to return to thy Laws, not only in doing what they call for, but, if thy Will be ſo, in ſuffering for the ſame. Yea, if thou calleſt me to it, I deſire not to leave the way of Righteouſneſs for any hazards, but to ſuffer for it, even unto Blood. And tho' I know, O! Righteous Lord, that it is not enough to die a Martyr for one precept, if I allow my ſelf at the ſame time, to live a known Tranſgreſſor of others. Yet give me the Comfort to look on Martyrdom, as a ſort of Baptiſm, as thou, bleſſed Jeſu, waſt pleaſed to * ſtyle it, when thou ſpakeſt of thine own; and, like it, to purge and waſh away our Sins, if at the ſame time, when we are ſuffering for one Duty, we are inwardly reſolved and prepared in Heart, to obſerve all.

* Luk. 12. 50. Mat. 20. 22.

Lord, in the midſt of my worldly Troubles, let me have Peace with thee,

and with mine own Conſcience. And whilſt thy Comforts do refreſh my Soul, by thy Grace ſtrengthening me, I ſhall better bear any other Miſery, which thou ſhalt give my Enemies leave to inflict upon my Body, and perſevere faithfully to ſerve, and patiently to ſuffer for thee, till thou ſhalt Graciouſly take me out of their Hands, to thine Everlaſting Reſt and Mercy, for Jeſus Chriſt's ſake. *Amen.*

6. A Prayer for Graces needful for him at the Tryal, when he is to be judged for his Stedfaſtneſs to Gods Truth or Righteouſneſs.

O! Bleſſed Lord, if by thy wiſe ordering, whereto I meekly ſubmit, I ſhall be carried from the place of Cuſtody to the place of Tryal, or of further Examination; do tho vouchſafe to go along with me. When I am queſtion'd, teach me what I ſhall ſay, that I may anſwer ſo honeſtly, as not to offend or diſhonour thee; and ſo prudently, as not to prejudice my ſelf, nor bring Trouble

Trouble on any other Righteous Perſons, for their bearing a good Affection to Righteous Things. Give me preſence of mind, and clearneſs of Spirit, in appearing before all Tribunals; and wiſdom and readineſs in anſwering all Queſtions. Let my Carriage be without Fear, or Confuſion, or any evil or inſincere Arts, in all things acceptable unto thee, and becoming my Perſon and Condition.

Suffer me not to be made a Sacrifice, by the Fears or Forgetfulneſs, the miſ-repreſentations, or falſe Accuſations of Witneſſes; nor by the Fetches and falſe colours, of Council; nor by the partiality, or miſguided Zeal of Judges and Juries. Or, if thou haſt otherwiſe determined, and I muſt fall; enable me, Good Lord, to bear thy Will. And tho' my Blood, which is ſhed in this Cauſe, be vile in the ſight of Men; let it be acceptable, and of a ſweet ſmell in thy Sight, for my Bleſſed Lord and Saviour, Jeſus Chriſt's ſake. *Amen.*

7. *Prayers after Sentence of Condemnation is past upon him, for his Stedfastness to the same.*

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THE Cup which my Father hath given me, shall I not drink it, Joh. 18. 11.

Not my Will, O! my God, but thine be done, Luk. 22. 42.

Lord, I thank thee, for counting me worthy to receive this Sentence for the sake of thy Righteousness.

Lord! lay not this Sin to their Charge, Acts 7. 60.

Forgive them, for they know not what they do. Luk. 23. 34.

A short Prayer upon his receiving the Sentence.

LOrd! I meekly submit to this heavy Sentence; yea, I thank thee for it, and Glory in this shame, since it comes upon me for my Love unto thy ways.

And I humbly pray thee, to look upon their Ignorance, for their excuse,

cuſe; than upon their Blood-Guiltineſs, for their puniſhment. If they underſtood the ways of thy Righteouſneſs, they would not ſhed my Blood for keeping ſtedfaſt to the ſame. But now * *they think*, alaſs! *to ſerve* and pleaſe thee, by *ſlaying me.* **Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.* And bring them timely to ſee their Errors, and thoroughly to repent thereof. That they, who now in their miſguided Zeal for thee are my Enemies; may yet however at length be Loving and Happy Sharers with me of thine Everlaſting Mercies, through the Merits of our dear Lord and Saviour Jeſus Chriſt, *Amen.*

* Joh. 16. 2.

* Luk. 23. 34.

A Longer Prayer afterwards.

O! Righteous Lord, ſince thou art pleaſed to call me, to give Teſtimony to thy Righteouſneſs with my Blood, I am content to do it. Yea, I thank thee, O! Father, that thou haſt counted me worthy, to lay down my Life for thy ſake: But as thou tryeſt me to

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the utmost, so strengthen me to the utmost, I most humbly beseech thee, that in this highest, and last Service, I may shew stedfast Faith in thee, and Charity towards my Persecutors, and meet my Death with that constancy and devout Chearfulness, which befits one who is passing thro' the *Red Sea*, to the Heavenly *Canaan*, and laying down his Life for thy Cause.

Tho' I stand Condemned, and vilified among Men, for this adherence to thy ways; yet I humbly hope, that thou, O! my God, wilt acquit, and lovingly accept me. And if I have thy Approbation, my Heart shall rejoyce therein, and account it enough for me, whatever the World thinks of me. Shew them their Error, and our Uprightness, O! Lord, in standing firm to these points, for which we suffer. But if we cannot satisfie them, that the way for which they persecute our Souls, is Innocent and Holy; let it however satisfie us, that so it is, and that so it will be found and declared by thee, before all thine elect Angels, when thou shalt appear

in thy dreadful Majesty, to pass Sentence, both upon our way and theirs.

And to the clearing of that Day, and the Tryal of thy Righteous Tribunal, do we humbly commit our Cause and Sufferings. Where our Hope is, that thou, Blessed Jesu, wilt Graciously own and receive both, tho' they disdainfully reject them. And that thou, Righteous Father, for Jesus sake, wilt both pardon the real Guilt of our other Sins; and openly clear us of the fancied Guilt of these ways, wherewith our Persecutors do falsly asperes thy Truths, and Reproach us. Which grant, O! merciful Lord, that we may all comfortably expect in our Lives, and comfortably find at our Deaths, for thy dear Son, and our only Saviour, Jesus Christs sake. *Amen.*

After this, he may at any time use such of the Prayers as he likes best, in the preceding *Office for Sufferers for Righteousness*, to exercise and strengthen his *Faith*, his *Patience*, his *Charity*, or other Graces, proper for his Circumstances; or to assist him in making *Intercessions for others.*

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8. *A Prayer for Dying without Fear.*

O! Almighty, and most merciful Father, perfect thy Strength in my Weakness, and support thy Frail, and most unworthy Servant, in this last and greatest Service, which I have now to pay thee, of laying down my Life, and leaving all that is dear unto me in this World, for thy Cause.

Oh! let not me dishonour the Cause and Truths, for which I suffer, by shewing any mis-becoming Fears, or unwillingness to suffer. 'Tis not my mistrust of the Righteousness of this Cause, O! my God; but the Conscience of my other Sins, and of the common Errors of my Life, from the Rule of thy Holy Commandments, which makes me at all afraid to appear at thy Righteous Bar. But cleanse thou me from all my Sins, by the Blood of my dearest Lord; and then I may meet Death with an humble Confidence, and Triumph over it.

I know, O! blessed Lord, that when Sin and Guilt, which are the Sting of Death, are taken out; there

is ſtill an averſion in Nature, which is common to us all, againſt this Change, and which found place in our Bleſſed *Lord himſelf. But let the Influences of thy Grace, though not wholly purge off this averſeneſs, yet ſubdue and over rule it in my Spirit. Poſſeſs my Mind more with the Righteouſneſs of the Cauſe, for which I dye, and with the Bleſſedneſs of coming to live with thee for ever after I am dead; than with the pains of Death it ſelf. And whatever Terror it would otherwiſe ſtrike into me, let it arm my Spirit, and ſweeten all, to think that I die for thee, and that I die to be received into thine Eternal Mercy.

Mat. 26. 39.

Lord! perfect and accept my Repentance, and pardon all my Sins, and give me Patience, and Preſence of Mind to the laſt. Let me die like a Chriſtian, with *Faith and Charity, willingly giving up my Life for a Teſtimony to thy ways, and pouring out my Soul in Devotion towards thee, and in Prayers for my perſecutors; till from my Body, it ſhall paſs into the Arms of thy Mercy, and there be

be comfortably received by thee, thro' the Merits and Mediation of my only Saviour and Redeemer Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

9. *Short Prayers for the Condemned Prisoner for Righteousness, in his last Extremities, or at other times, as he sees cause.*

1.

O! Merciful Father, I throw my self upon thy Mercy, and most undeserved Favour, as a poor wretched Sinner. I infinitely need it, and most earnestly desire it. And I humbly hope for the same, to pardon all the Sins and Follies of my Life, and to accept this Offering of my Death, thro' the abundance of thy Grace, and thro' the sole Merits and Mediation of my blessed Lord and only Saviour Jesus Christ, *Amen.*

2.

LOrd! now the World is casting me off, I seek to thee to take me in. Do not thou reject me when they do, for I am thy Servant. Receive me, for I am coming to thee. Receive me, for thou callest me.

Receive me lovingly, O! my dear God, for I dearly love thee, and am forsaking all to injoy thee. I have nothing dearer to me in this World, than my Life; and that I am now making thee an humble Present of, and parting with it for thy Cause.

And in this Oblation of my self, be thou pleased, O! blessed Jesu, first to wash me with thy Blood, and to dress me with the Graces of thy Spirit, that I may be an holy and acceptable Offering. And then do thou vouchsafe, O! Holy Father, Graciously to accept the same, for thy deareſt Son, and my deareſt Saviour Jesus Christs sake, *Amen.*

3.

O! Jesu, forgive me all my Sins, and forgive all my Persecutors, and grant them timely and true Repentance. Now I am suffering for thy Cause let me be sure of thy Support and Assistance. Now I am [*brought to dye] for the ways of thy Righteousness, let them have Honour & Service by my Death. Make it to work Godly Zeal and Stedfastness in thy Followers,

** or about to dye, when it only draws very near; but he is not yet brought to it.*

lowers, and Relenting and remorse in their Persecutors, and to carry me to those most joyful and happy Mansions, which thou hast prepared for all those, who faithfully serve and suffer for thee, in thy Fathers Kingdom. *Amen.*

10 *A Thanksgiving for Deliverance, when he is brought upon his Tryal for the Cause of Righteousness, or for his being set at Liberty.*

BLessed be thy Name, O! Almighty Father, who hast delivered me out of the Hands of those who sought my Life, and * *hast set my Feet in a large Room.* Thou hast * *delivered the poor from him that was too strong for him.* Thou hast delivered him, who served thee, and counted not his own Life so dear to him, as the shewing his Love and Fidelity unto thy Laws. Thou hast * *delivered him,* because he loved thy Name, and *put his whole Trust in thee.* * Psal. 31. 8. * Psal. 35. 10. * Psal. 37. 40.

Lord! I will be glad, and rejoyce in thy Salvation. I will ever praise thy Love and Goodness, which is abundant

bundant in kindneſs and Succors, towards thoſe who fear thee, and are ready to expoſe their own Perſons in thy Cauſe. I will ever magnifie thy Faithfulneſs, which hath not ſuffered thy Care of me to ſlacken, nor thy ſure word and promiſes to fail: And I will ever Reverently and Thankfully adore thy Widom, and Power, and Juſtice, which turn the Councels of the Wicked into Fooliſhneſs, and take the crafty in their own Snares; which crown thy Servants Heads with Joy and Glory, but cover their Enemies with Grief and Shame; which ſhew plainly unto all who are willing to ſee the ſame, that it is extream folly to fight againſt thee, and that they are in the ſure way of Safety and Happineſs, who make thee their Strength, and place their chiefeſt Security and advantage in thy good providence and gracious Promiſes, and in keeping ſtedfaſt to thy ways.

* Pſal. 70. 4. And * *let all thoſe that love thee,* O! Lord, *rejoyce and be glad in thee.* Make them Triumph in thy Righteouſneſs, and truſt themſelves to

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thy Care. But put thine Enemies and mine in fear, that they may sin no more. And bring them to repent of their persecuting thee and thy Servants, that they may not be brought to suffer for the same in the Day of Vengeance. And keep me ever mindful, O blessed Father, of this most merciful Deliverance, that I may spend all the Days of that Life, which thou hast now renewed to me, in thy Service; and learn thereby evermore to trust thee, yea, tho' the Pit be ready to shut her Mouth upon me; and to place my chiefest comfort and safety, in keeping stedfast to thy Laws, which will be sure either to make my Sufferings end here in present Deliverance, or to recompence them hereafter with unspeakable and everlasting Joys, throuh the Merits and Mediation of my only Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, *Amen.*

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